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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Diplomatically Speaking . . .

TIME was when "Diplomacy" was the daily commerce of King's courts; days when affairs public, private, and intimate, various degrees of delicacy, were managed in language of courtiers versed in saying what they wish, not what they mean. For private affairs it may have been a throwaway line when each man's choice of words was regulated by what he thought it wise to say—words that would serve his inner purpose best.

Were such a mannered background considered before the study of the latest prepared statement by Mr. John Foster Dulles, one might wonder what dark purposes were served by offering embarrassing advice to the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party to restore independence to the satellites as part of its campaign to undo the evils of Stalin. It would appear to be, diplomatically, gratuitous advice because it will obviously not be heeded and is unlikely to have any other positive result.

Though there is much to be said for the modern tendency for "straight talking among friends" it is still true that where that friendship or public relations are less likely to be offended when the parties weigh their words carefully. It can be held that it is the duty of a statesman to weigh his words, even if it means talking in such moderate and unexceptionable terms as Sir Anthony Eden.

ONE wonders if perhaps Mr. Dulles wishes to unseat an already shaky Mr. Khrushchev in favour of a man more suitable to the United States who might take his place. Admittedly Mr. Dulles' demand that people were "entitled to be assured that the evils done in Stalin's name will be undone, and that such policies will not recur," can be no more than a pin prick in the life of a Russian leader. But added to other recent reasons to fear for Mr. Khrushchev's equilibrium, it would appear to show that his fall would be welcome to United States diplomacy.

The very word "diplomacy," and its relations "diplomat" and "diplomatic" imply an attitude of life of mannered intention. Outside politics the "diplomat" is . . . the banker who receives you so cordially that you thank him when he is kind enough to refuse your overdraft . . . or the Chinese warrior of long ago who earned distinction not by fighting, but by switching two characters in a royal dispatch—"Each time we fight, we retire"; to "Each time we retire, we fight."

ONE suspects that perhaps Mr. Dulles does not have anyone particularly in view to fill Mr. Khrushchev's seat if he should quit it. Mr. Khrushchev is after all the "committee" man, the leader of an apparently milder Bolshevism than that of the indiscriminate terror, or that of the one man State. Though he may not be perfect to Western eyes, time may show him to be one of Russia's more reasonable leaders. And he may well be preferable to the kind of military strong man who would probably succeed him if he fell.

It can only be supposed that Mr. Dulles was not speaking "diplomatically" after all; that once again he just sat down in front of a group of newspapermen and opened his mouth, and let whatever was inside come out. Mr. Dulles has shown too often that he is a man who will not weigh his words, and may yet go down in history as the man who built his own memorial—a colossus of bricks.

His Sentence To Stand



Queen Refuses Conviction Review

London, July 15. The Queen has refused to review the conviction of ex-Sergeant Frederick Emmett Dunne who is serving a life sentence in a London gaol for the murder in Germany of his wife's first husband, a fellow soldier.

The War Office announced today that a petition by Emmett-Dunne for the quashing of his conviction by general court martial had been laid before the Queen by the War Minister (Mr. Anthony Eden).

"The petition has not been granted," the War Office said.

No reasons were given.

Emmett-Dunne, 34, was sentenced to death at a Dusseldorf court martial last year for the murder of his army comrade, Reginald Walters, whose widow he had married.

He escaped hanging because West Germany, the scene of the crime and court martial, had abolished executions.

Emmett-Dunne was not arrested until some 18 months after the crime as Walters was originally believed to have committed suicide.—Reuter.

FIRE RAGES 25 HOURS

New York, July 15. One of the most spectacular fires in New York history was brought under control tonight after raging for 25 hours through the once-palatial, 94-year-old John Wanamaker department store on Lower Broadway.

Before the flames were curbed, they had threatened to scud the building's Venetian marble walls tumbling down, endangering the lives of hundreds of firemen who finally fought the blaze to a standstill at 9:50 p.m.

The fire knocked out two major underground lines, inflicted smoke injuries on 108 firemen, blocked traffic on four streets and sent huge billows of smoke over Lower Manhattan.

The Fourth Avenue wall of the store was in danger of collapsing on to the East Side underground tracks.—United Press.

The Duke Has A Tumble

Windsor, July 15. Queen Elizabeth and her children watched the Duke of Edinburgh take a spill from his polo pony today.

The Duke then mounted another horse and played on after telling worried doctors he only got "a slight bump."

The Queen, Prince Charles and Princess Anne were cheering the Duke's Windsor Park team on against Epsom Park when his saddle slipped and he tumbled to the ground.

The Duke swung up on another pony and rode over to the Royal enclosure to reassure his family. Then he went back to the match to score his only goal in the final minute.

His team was beaten three to two.—United Press.

PEACE PROSPECTS BETTER THAN EVER

Nehru Assesses The Situation

Bonn, July 15. Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru stated last night in Bonn that the world's chances for peace were better than ever, it was learned today.

In a speech before the West German Foreign Policy Society, which has not yet been officially released, Nehru reportedly charged that Europeans attached too much importance to military factors: Nehru said that men were more important than bombs and atomic energy. He added that he thought fear was playing a somewhat lesser role in the international situation.

Co-existence consisted of a friendly attitude towards other nations, in non-interference, and the creation of an atmosphere of peace, Nehru said. He added that India had no intention of heading a bloc of neutral nations.

The two most important problems facing the world today were Germany and the Far East, Nehru said. Fortunately, world public opinion was aware that these problems could not be solved by force.

Disarmament

The Indian Premier called for progressive disarmament in which each stage would strengthen the confidence between people. As for the cold war, Nehru said it was almost as bad as a hot war.

The Indian Premier said that Europe had lost its leading place in the world to two giants, the Soviet Union and the United States. He added he regretted that the world was divided into two camps.

The Indian Premier advised his audience not to approach the Soviet Union with ideological concepts, but with the notion that a revolution would produce good as well as evil. Nehru said he regretted that for 40 years, the Soviet Union had been led to consider itself as living under a state of siege.

Stable & Solid

The same was true of China, Nehru said. The Chinese Communist Government was stable and solid, and it was useless to make an enemy of it, he added.

Formosa was not China, Nehru said.

If the Peking Government had been a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, the Korean war would not have taken place.

He said he was glad that a full-scale conflict had been avoided in Indo-China.

The reason for this was the fear motivating both sides, he added.

Nehru concluded by stating once more the five principles of peaceful co-existence.—France-Press.

40 Hurt In Pitched Battle

Fedala, Morocco, July 15. Some 40 persons were injured today in Fedala when members of the Moroccan Nationalist Istiqlal Party and the Moroccan Democratic Party of Independence fought a pitched battle in the town.

At least a dozen persons were reported to be in a serious condition as a result of pistol and shotgun wounds suffered in the fighting.

The causes of the riot remain still unknown. Early in the afternoon members of the two political parties gathered in the market place and began to exchange insults. The insults led to blows and the blows led to the use of pistols and shotguns.

Police reinforcements were rushed to Fedala to restore order. The Moroccan Governor of Chaouia, Si Zemmouri, personally went to Fedala to appeal for calm and to conduct an investigation into the causes of the riot.

Moroccan Vice-Premier, Si Mohammed Zghari, also went to the strife-torn town later in the evening.—France-Press.

Wawrzynski reported tonight that Mr. Josef Siglin, Warsaw's chief architect, had been "relieved of his post at his own request."

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Miller And Marilyn Say Their Pieces Will Always Be Loyal To The US Declares Playwright

London, July 15. A serious faced Marilyn Monroe tonight heard her husband, playwright Arthur Miller, announce to the British press that he would always be loyal to the United States.

Miller, who has appeared before the House of Representatives Un-American Activities Committee, was asked whether he felt he might be politically incompatible in the United States "at some point in the near future."

He replied, earnestly: "I like the United States from many points of view. There is no conflict between myself and the United States. It is simply that at times, as in all political situations, there are conflicts and they come into the open."

"My loyalty and love is for my country and always will be."

I don't know if it will be possible," she admitted.

Asked if her husband's influence would affect her career, she said: "I think that everything that is happening to me personally and professionally is very beneficial."

One reporter asked if she wanted to escape from her roles. "No director has ever asked me to play a scene in that kind of manner," she said, primly.

"They just happen to be those kind of parts."

She shrugged and grinned: "I still hope to wear bathing suits as long as I am able to wear them." There was a roar of approval.

The spotlight swung to Mr. Miller.

"How do you see Mrs. Miller . . . what are the unique qualities about her that impress and appeal to you?"

Somewhat bashfully, Mr. Miller answered: "I guess I am too serious about such a subject, but you will have to take my word for it that she is the most unique individual I have ever met."

APPLAUDED

There was an immediate ripple of handclapping from the 300 pressmen crowding the cream, chandelier-lit Lancaster room of the Savoy Hotel.

Then all eyes turned on the blonde Hollywood star sitting beside Sir Laurence Olivier in a skin tight black dress with a transparent midriff.

"Do you share your husband's political viewpoint?" she was asked.

"I never discuss anything to do with politics or religion," Marilyn said.

Marilyn handled the press conference with the guile of an experienced diplomat. She laughed, watercracked and fended questions about her personal life.

JUST A DREAM

She confessed she would like to play the part of Eliza Doolittle, a cockney girl in George Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" and Lady Macbeth—"but that's just a dream."

Glaucous across her husband she said: "I have never been happier in my life." And asked if she was planning to have a family she gave a straight answer: "Yes."

Marilyn arrived 20 minutes late after being mobbed by crowds at the country home of 46-year-old Viscount Moore at Englefield Green, Surrey, where she is staying. She was mobbed again at the hotel by a crowd of 200 who surged around her car bellowing greetings.

Marilyn, who spent twenty minutes posing for cameramen, said she wanted to see England before touring the continent, and "I would love to see Paris," she said.

FABRICATED

He took the chance to say he had never said that life with Marilyn was like living in a goldfish bowl. "The entire thing was fabricated," he said. "We live a very quiet life."

Back to Marilyn. "How would you describe your husband?" "Do I have to describe him? You can see him."

"What is your definition of an intellectual, Miss Monroe?"—"I guess you could look that up."

"Is living a quiet life separated from the publicity of your public life a relief for married happiness?"—"I think it is a necessity."

"What would you advise English girls to do to get a figure like yours?"—"From what I have seen, English girls have learned just fine."

US INTEREST

Mr. Morse-Boycott said that prominent churches in the United States were also deeply interested and he hoped in the near future to form a small council of English and American churchmen and other interested people who would take responsibility for receiving and examining qualifications.

There is no intention on our part of appealing to the bishops to take up the matter at this stage, but they are being kept informed and each has been sent details of the plan," Mr. Morse-Boycott added.—Reuter.

LANGUAGE TEST FOR DIPLOMATS

Washington, July 15. The State Department announced today that it is to check nearly all its overseas diplomats to learn whether they were fluent in one of three "world languages"—French, Spanish or German.

Those who were not would be brought home as quickly as possible for intensive training in one of the languages.

If they then failed to speak and read the language fluently they probably would be dismissed.

Career ministers and ambassadors overseas would be exempt.—Reuter.

MP Says, "I Was Drugged" With Doped Sherry, Then Certified Insane

London, July 15. A 52-year-old British member of Parliament claimed tonight that he had been certified insane and held for six weeks in a mental hospital after being drugged with doped sherry.

He is Dr. Donald McIntosh Johnson, a member of the Conservative Party, and he is campaigning for a revision of Britain's mental laws.

Today a London Sunday newspaper said the M.P. had been detained to prevent him exposing a criminal gang. "But I should soft-pedal that," he said tonight, "because no one was actually proved to be criminal."

In 1950 Dr. Johnson said he owned an hotel near Oxford. He had some trouble. Then he was suddenly taken ill and certified.

"All my symptoms led me to believe that my wife and I had been drugged with a mixture of Indian hemp and other drugs in sherry," he said.

NOT BELIEVED

"I told this story while I was being taken to hospital, while I was in hospital and after being discharged."

"But no one would believe me."

"I had recovered perfectly within 10 days but they kept me in hospital for six weeks altogether, under observation."

In the newspaper Dr. Johnson was quoted as saying: "Make no mistake; at the time I was certified I was to all appearances a raving lunatic."

"Within a few days the effects of the drug wore off and the symptoms of madness vanished."

"But it took six weeks to convince the authorities that they had incarcerated a man who had been deliberately drugged so as to make it appear he was mad."

INQUIRY REJECTED

After this release, Dr. Johnson said he pressed for a full inquiry, but was turned down by the Ministry of Health.

He claimed he was only one victim of what he termed Britain's outdated mental laws, under which, he said, hundreds have been incorrectly held in mental homes. "For five years I have campaigned for a change in the lunacy law, to make it impossible for what happened to me to happen to other people," he added.—China Mail Special.

That "Footbrawl"

HKFA REQUESTS A FULL REPORT

The Hongkong Football Association has asked the Singapore Association for a full report on last week's "footbrawl" match between two Hongkong Soccer teams, Eastern and Kowloon Motor Bus.

This was learned on good authority this morning.

But no disciplinary action will be taken against the teams until the report has been received and considered by the Hongkong Football Association.

Over the weekend a noted Colony sports commentator said an immediate recall of both teams had been suggested. Others felt the Singapore Football Association should be asked to give a full report on the match.

The Sports Editor of the Straits Times accused the two Hongkong teams on Thursday of "abusing Singapore's hospitality."

FA DISTURBED

He went on to say: "They were allowed to play a football match to help them with their four expenses, but they gave an exhibition of footbrawl which left more than 6,000 spectators stunned at the viciousness of Hongkong League Soccer."

An official of the Hongkong Football Association said this morning: "We were disturbed by the cable news about this match and we sent a letter to Singapore Football Association saying we would appreciate it if they would forward details at their convenience."

"But we have not asked for the recall of the teams."

"The Singapore report will be considered by the Association and an appropriate committee will decide on the action to be taken."

Gaol Escapees Recaptured

Muskogee, Oklahoma, July 15. A four-time ex-convict facing trial for murder broke gaol here today but was captured ten hours later near the vicinity of the slaying.

The accused killer, Edward Leon (Pete) Williams, 27, was apprehended by Tulsa police officers following a daylong manhunt by the Eastern Oklahoma authorities. He was taken into custody at a cemetery near Taft, which is 158 miles west of here.

A negro companion who escaped with Williams, Daniel Mayfield, 33, was arrested about an hour earlier in hilly country near Taft.

Less than one month ago, Williams had led officers to a spot along the Arkansas River, north of Taft, where the body of a young Tulsa minister lay. He confessed to the slaying, but later pleaded not guilty.—United Press.

LIGHTNING KILLS 30

Peshawar, July 15. Thirty persons were reported killed and several others injured by lightning during storms that swept Swat State in Pakistan's North-West Frontier Province, in the last two days.

A severe rain storm raged for over 36 hours in the Swat river valley and delayed reports described the losses as heavy, particularly in the upper valley. Many houses and much of the rice crop were said to have been destroyed.

In the Peshawar valley over 80 villages were reported hit by the heavy rains that fell all week. Hundreds of mud houses collapsed and thousands of acres of land were flooded, with communications at a complete standstill, the reports said.—France-Press.

Prison Population

Washington, July 15. The United States prison population climbed to an all-time high of 185,000 last year, Federal prison's director James V. Bennett said today.

There were 114 state and federal prisoners for each 100,000 of the country's population.—United Press.

Train Derailed

Bismar, July 15. Several people are feared to have been killed and injured after a train ran off the rails at the Fontaine Aux Gazelles, some 25 miles north of here today.

The accident occurred as a result of sabotage on the Bama-Bismar line.—France-Press.

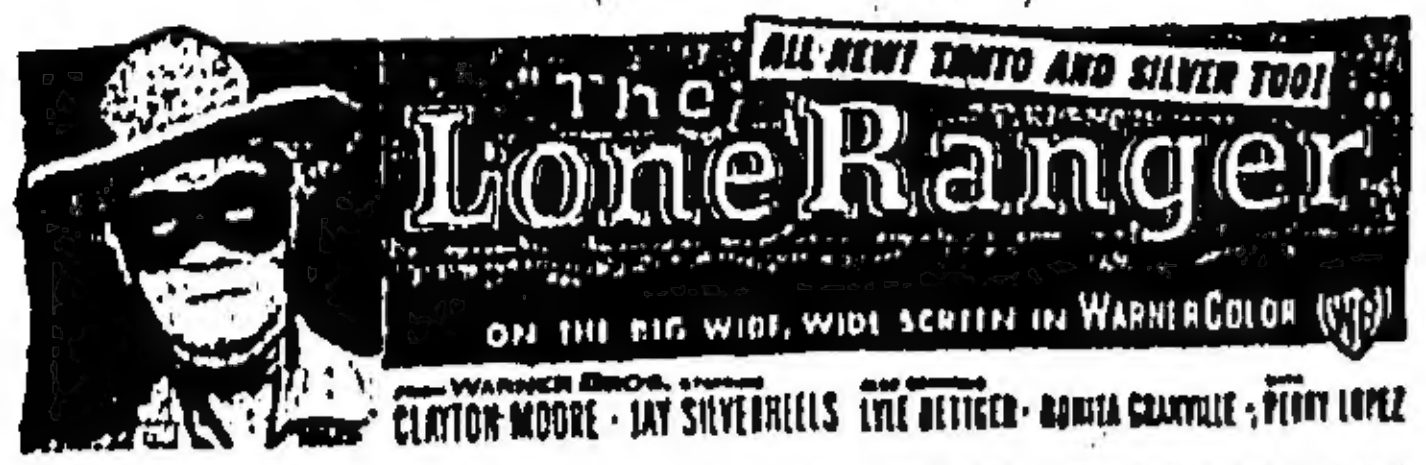
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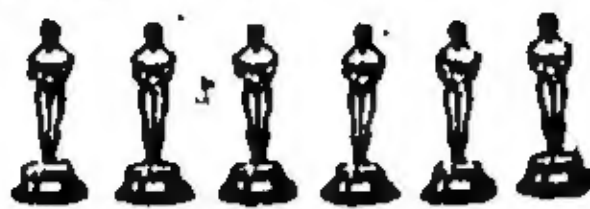
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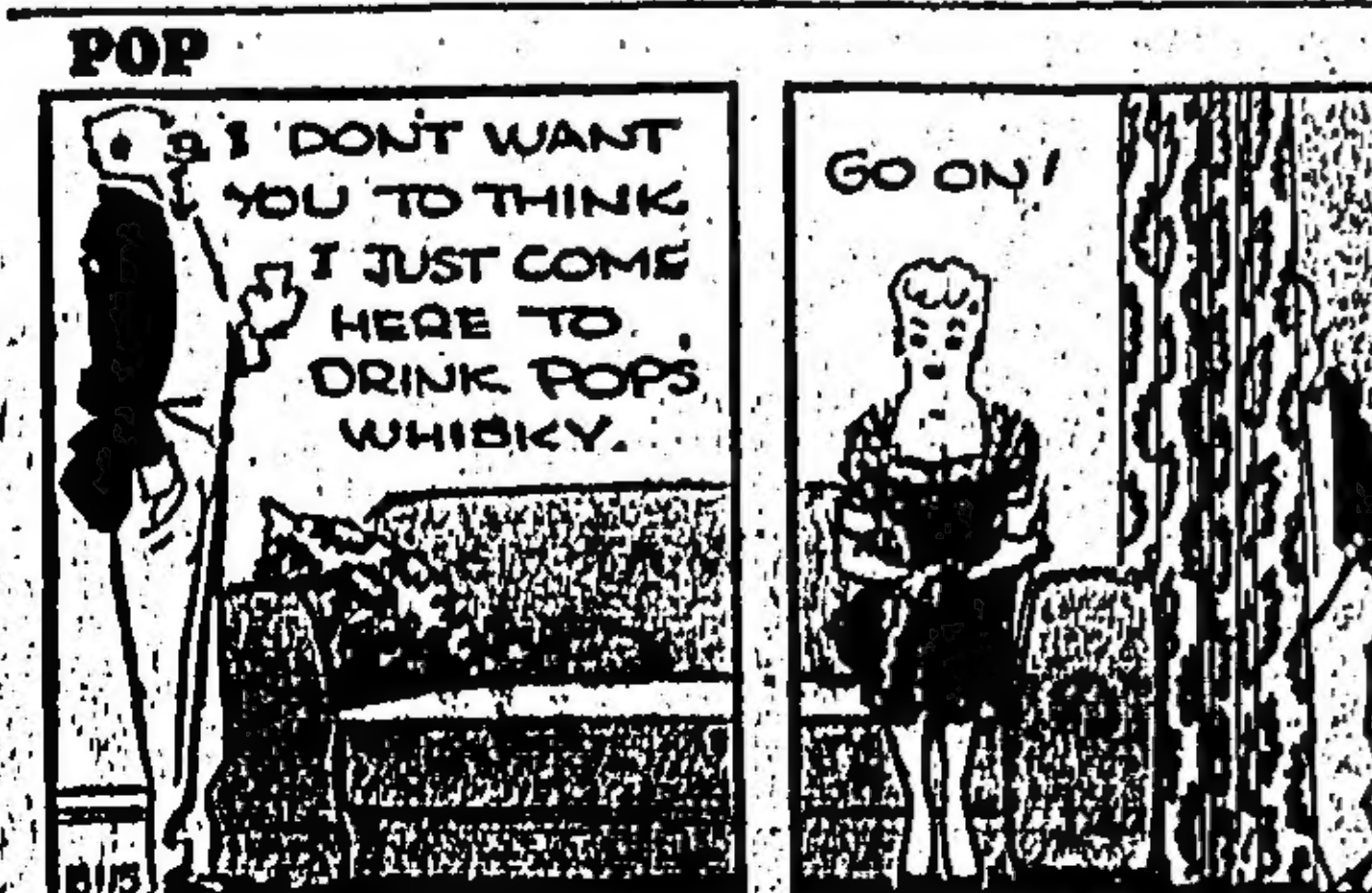


## KING'S PRINCESS

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Next Change: "WHO DONE IT?"

TWINING PLANS TO KEEP  
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Skirt Measures 400 Yards



Magnificent Hollywood-style wedding gown is worn by Lucille Ball, who is a bride in the new romantic comedy "Forever Darling", in which she co-stars with Desi Arnaz and James Mason. The dress, which is in a delicate shell pink, has a tulle skirt measuring 400 yards!—Reuterphoto.

Three Hungarians  
Seek Asylum  
In United States

Ingolstadt, July 15.

Three Hungarians who fought a desperate mid-air battle to capture an airliner and fly through the Iron Curtain said tonight that they wanted to emigrate to the United States.

Six other Hungarians who asked for political asylum after the blood-soaked plane landed here on Friday plan to stay in Germany, the police interrogators said.

Bavarian State Police tonight wound up their two-day questioning of the 19 bruised and endangered Hungarians who landed at the disused Manching airstrip here.

## Policeman

Ten of them, including four crew members, a secret policeman and five unwilling passengers on the flight over the Iron Curtain, asked to be sent back to their Red-ruled homeland.

Nine others, including six men and a woman who plotted the commandeering of the Hungarian National Airlines plane, will stay in the West. Josef Jakoby left a wife and a two-month-old son in Budapest. He said he had not told his wife of the plot to seize the airliner. The 25-year-old student said he joined the plot because in Hungary "there is absolutely no future for young men."

## Not Decided

The police authorities said it was not yet decided where the nine escapees would be sent in Germany. Two of the Hungarians who chose to return home will have to spend several weeks in hospital here.

A secret police officer, Elek Doktor, who suffered a fractured skull in the fighting to take over the airliner, and a tailor, Gyorgy Sano, are considered too seriously injured to be released for some time, the hospital authorities said.

## Interior Wrecked

The four crew members and four passengers will fly back to Hungary in the same plane on which they had started out on a "routine" internal flight from Szombathely to Győr last Friday.

The plane was wrecked inside in the fierce 15-minute battle

but landed here without damage to the engines or exterior.—United Press.

Malays Must  
Fight Reds  
Themselves

Kuala Lumpur, July 15.

The Chief Minister of Malaya Tengku Abdul Rahman, said today Commonwealth troops stationed in an independent Malaya under a mutual defence pact between the Federation and Britain would not be responsible for fighting Communist terrorists in the Malayan jungles.

Addressing publicity officers of the United Malays National Organisation, the powerful Malay political party, the Chief Minister said: "The Communists roaming in the Malayan jungles have to be hunted down by Malaya's own troops."

The Tengku said it was important that Commonwealth troops should be stationed in Malaya until the Federation Government was strong enough to face foreign and internal aggression.—Reuter.

GERMAN OFFICER  
SCHOOL OPENS

Hanover, July 15. Eight of 320 officer cadets of the new West German forces joined during the inauguration ceremony here today of the first training school for junior officers.

Four similar schools are to be opened in West Germany by the end of the year—three for the army and one at Flensburg for the navy.

A training school for senior officers has already been opened at Southofen, Bavaria. The 320 men, many of whom took part in World War II, will stay here for a five-month training course.

Twenty United States officers will assist in their training.—China Mail Special.

Washington, July 15.  
General Nathan Twining said today he was drafting recommendations for spending the extra \$900 million voted by Congress to keep the United States ahead in the airpower race with Russia.

The Air Force Secretary, Mr. Donald Quarles, promptly promised General Twining's recommendations. Mr. Quarles said both he and the Defense Secretary, Mr. Charles Wilson, would take a careful look at what the Air Force Chief of Staff proposed.

General Twining said in a filmed television interview that there was no question but that the Air Force could use the money "effectively." He indicated, however, that the money might not be used directly to increase output of B-62 jet bombers.

## Don't Know

"Just how we'll use the money I don't know," he said. "I'm working on that now and will make recommendations to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Quarles as to how that money could best be used."

Congress, in voting the additional money, urged that \$800 million of the total be used to increase production of the big intercontinental hydrogen bombers, new workhorses of the Strategic Air Command. However, the Air Force presumably could use it for other purposes. General Twining specifically mentioned expansion in Air Force research and an increase in production of the big jet tankers used in refueling the B-52s aloft.

Mr. Quarles, asked about the matter as he was leaving for Europe by plane, told a reporter: "We're going to look carefully at what General Twining recommends and the whole problem of Air Force spending as it unfolds for the year."

"There is never any question that we can use any money that's available. The only question is what we use it for and when."

## Unnecessary

Mr. Wilson, who called the additional money unnecessary, said he would not spend it. But he added that he would take his time spending it. The fight for the funds was led by Democrats over strong administration opposition.

Mr. Quarles said that it would be "many months" before the overall Air Force programme was rolled down for the current year. He later amended his statement to say only that it would be "months."—United Press.

Admit Asians  
To Australia  
Says Peer

Melbourne, July 15.

Australia should consider admitting small numbers of Asian emigrants to avoid the charge of racial discrimination, Lord Lindsay, Senior Research Fellow in international relations at Australia's National University, told a school assembly.

He said that an intake of perhaps two hundred Asian emigrants yearly would help dispel doubts in Asian minds.

It was nonsense to suggest that masses of Asians wanted to come to Australia, but relaxing the present ban they would help Australian-Asian relations.—Reuter.

## Gate-Crashers

Gate-crashers who had crawled on to a branch of a tree overlooking a public park in Saigon to watch a football match, today crashed into the spectators below when the branch collapsed under their weight.

Altogether 22 people were injured, six of them seriously. All the casualties were rushed to hospital.—France-Press.

BOY TO LOSE  
SECOND EYE

Orlando, Fla., July 15. Doctors here are to remove the remaining eye of four-year-old Mike Sibole on Wednesday because it is affected by a cancerous tumour. They have said the alternatives are blindness or death.

The boy's right eye was taken out two years ago because of a similar tumour.

Mike splashing around in his little plastic swimming pool yesterday did not know that he had only four more days remaining to look at the world.

The boy, bright energetic son of a Baptist minister, said he was going to kindergarten when he was five. But Mike's parents will instead be sending him to a special pre-schooling training class. His mother Mrs. James Sibole said "I don't know how we'll tell him. We'll have to tell him before the operation."—China Mail Special.

Soviet Magazine  
For American  
Readers

Washington, July 15.

The Soviet Embassy announced today that the first issue of USSR, a new Soviet monthly magazine for American readers, would publish a personal message from the Soviet Premier, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, urging the possibility of "peaceful coexistence."

The Embassy gave Marshal Bulganin's message, in part: "We are deeply convinced that the differences in ways of life and political and social systems need not be an obstacle to friendship and fruitful cooperation between our people in advancing peace and security as well as in furthering economic and cultural interchange."

The magazine will appear on newsstands in the United States within a fortnight.

The Embassy said the first edition would have 64 pages, some with colour photographs, and would include articles on Russian agriculture, films, music, ballet, art and sports.

The article on agriculture, it said, would be a review by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Vladimir Malskyevich, who toured the United States last summer.—Reuter.

Czech-Cambodian  
Agreement

London, July 15.

A joint Czechoslovak-Cambodian statement was yesterday signed in Prague, Octavia, the Czechoslovak news agency said today.

It provides for an exchange of diplomatic representatives in the near future and economic co-operation and trade relations. Czechoslovakia will send a delegation to Cambodia "as soon as possible" to sign a trade agreement and an agreement on scientific and technical co-operation.

The Czechoslovak Government offered Cambodia whatever scientific and technical aid Cambodia may require for the development of her economy. This aid will be given in the spirit of the principles of the Czechoslovak foreign policy of not imposing any political, economic or other conditions which would affect the sovereignty and independence of Cambodia.—Reuter.

Amsterdam, July 15.

A 12-man Chinese trade mission arrived at Schiphol airport near here tonight.

Their visit, at the invitation of the Dutch central bank, for foreign economic relations, will last until July 27.

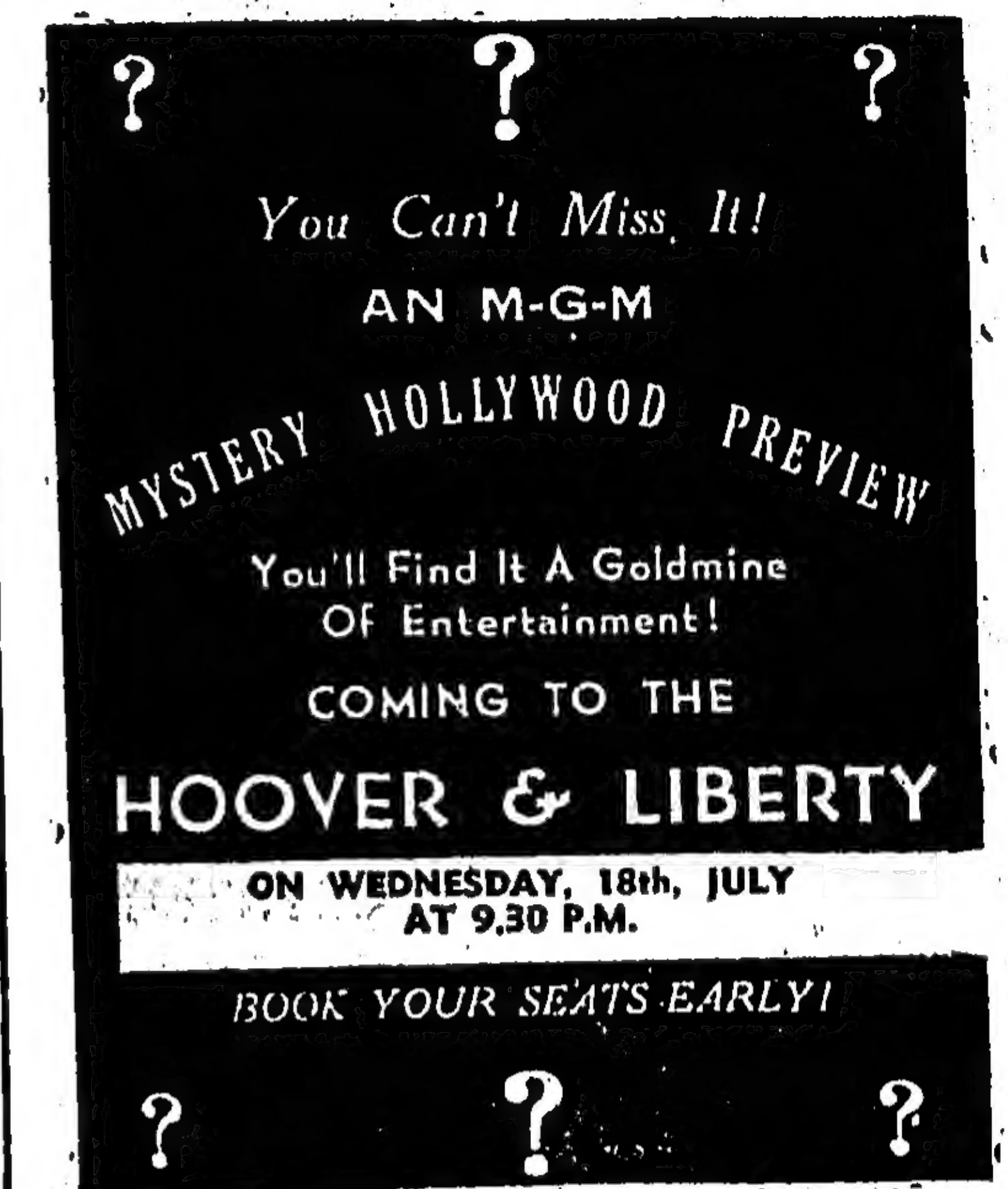
A Dutch trade delegation visited the Chinese People's Republic about a year and a half ago.—Reuter.

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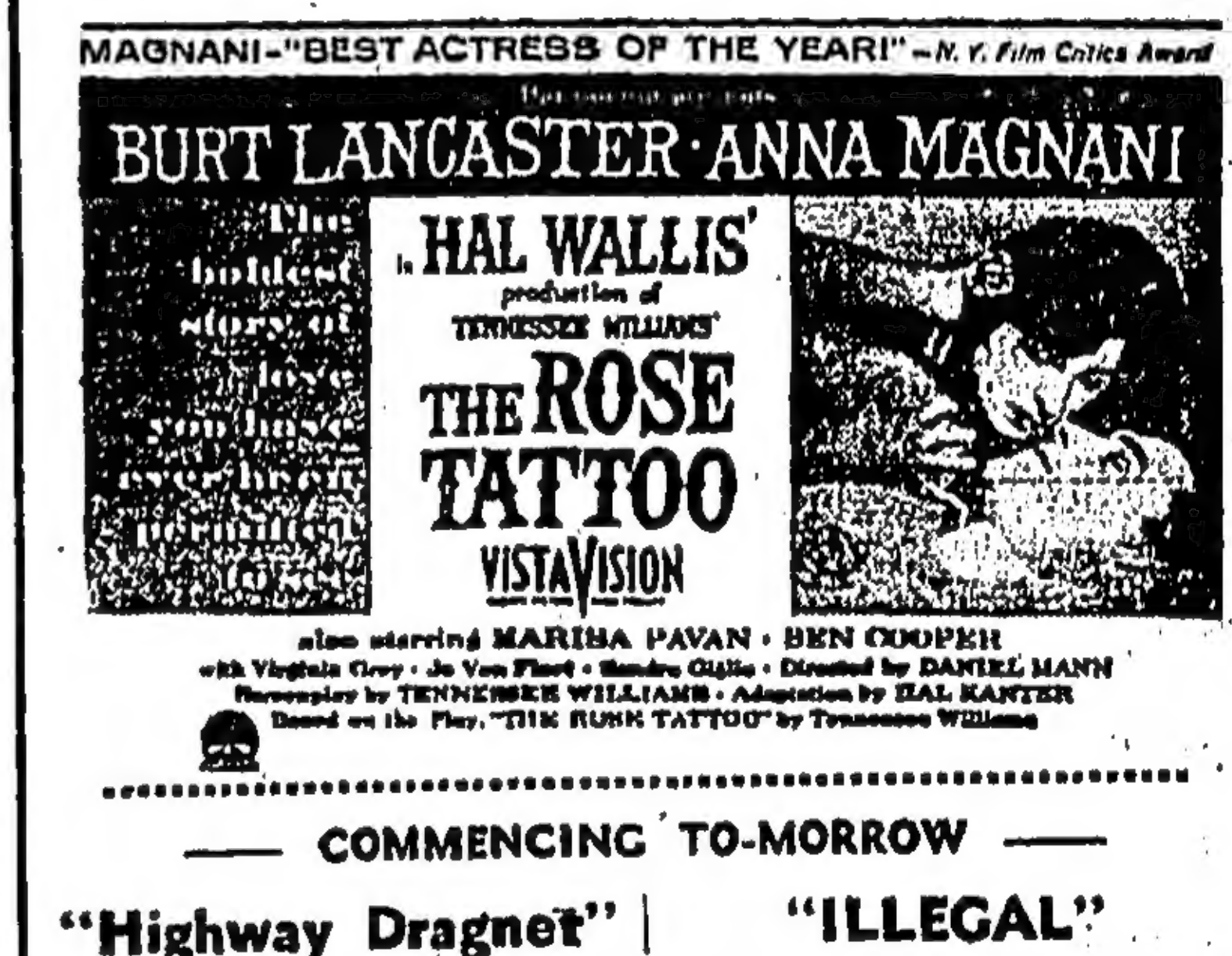


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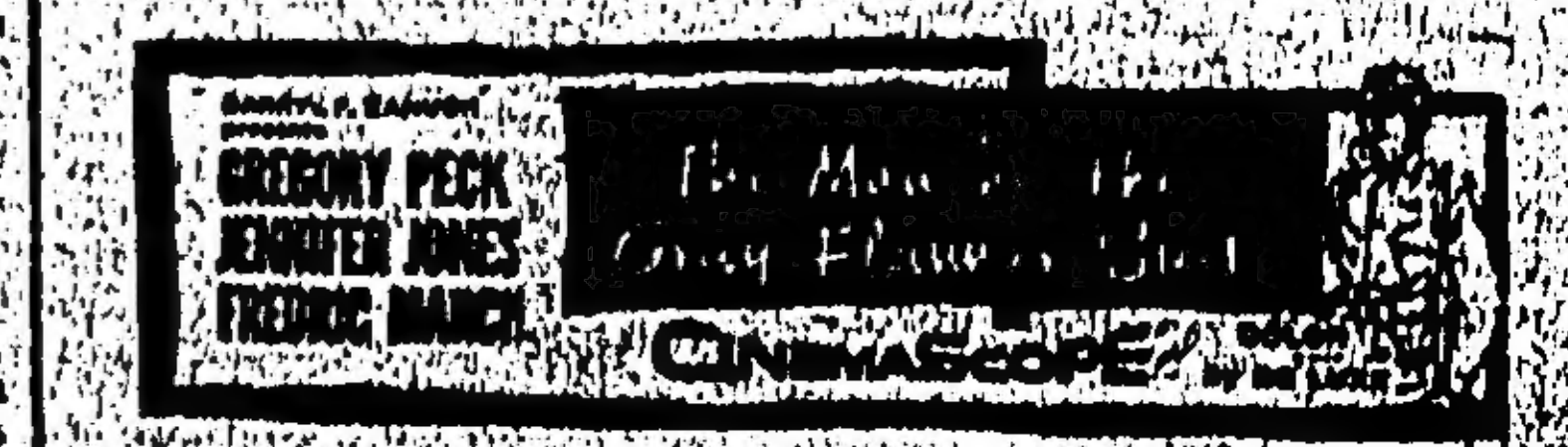


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# Republicans Ready For

## Convention GRAVE MISGIVINGS OVER NIXON AS RUNNING MATE

By PAUL SCOTT RANKINE

Washington, July 15.

American Republican leaders now give the appearance of being ready five weeks before their party convention, to nominate Mr Dwight Eisenhower and Mr Richard Nixon as presidential and vice-presidential candidates in the November elections.

After an unexpectedly long convalescence following his abdominal operation last month, President Eisenhower returns to Washington this week, and as far as the nation-wide Republican political organization is concerned, the election "show" is back on the road.

Plans for the most intensive and modernized publicity and advertising campaign ever seen before a US election are already going forward with the aid of an equally record-breaking campaign fund.

### More Convinced

The press, predominantly republican in sympathy, and public opinion polls seem to be more convinced than they were before the great election upset in 1948 that the Republican candidate will win with an overwhelming majority.

But behind a picture of confidence and smooth efficiency, one discerns among some Republicans certain nagging anxieties deriving from the President's health and the view the electorate may take of it.

No domestic recession or international disturbance has arisen to dislodge Republican banner mottoes that "everything is booming except the guns."

### Rembrandt Anniversary

Amsterdam, July 15. Holland this weekend celebrated the 350th anniversary of the birth of Rembrandt, one of its greatest painters.

In the church here where Rembrandt was buried as a pauper, a special commemorative service was held.

Although Rembrandt made a fortune from his paintings, he died in poverty and the exact position of his grave in the church is unknown. — China Mail Special.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Approval (6).
  - Played a part (5).
  - Assert (6).
  - Striking block (5).
  - Belittled (4).
  - Urges (7).
  - Harden (5).
  - Try out (4).
  - Bailor (4).
  - Believed (5).
  - Guided (7).
  - Corroborate (4).
  - Carp (5).
  - Loud cry (6).
  - Difficulties (5).
  - Speaker (6).
- DOWN**
- Unafraid (8).
  - Filthy (6).
  - Little (4).
  - Continue (8).
  - Banishes (6).
  - Fear (5).
  - Coming in (8).
  - Arrange, as feathers (6).
  - Silt (6).
  - Pennon (6).
  - Reveal (6).
  - Blemish (4).

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 3. Compoets, 8. Stream, 9. Penitent, 11. Retainer, 12. Owl, 13. Cadet, 16. Lorry, 19. Aged, 22. Demanded, 24. Induces. Down: 2. Roller, 26. Niche, 1. Unhappy, 2. Wrath, 3. Capital, 4. Omen, 5. Fair, 6. Shears, 7. Settle, 10. Never, 14. Dosed, 15. Treason, 18. Ration, 17. Tauton, 20. Adult, 21. Adorn, 23. Duct, 25. More.

## CHURCHILL RECEIVES VARIETY AWARD



Britain's Sir Winston Churchill recently received a golf heart-shaped humanitarian award which was presented to him by the Variety Clubs International "in recognition of his lifelong vigil in safeguarding democracy and his zealous dedication to the furtherance of world peace." He won the award for his work as Britain's Premier in 1954, but dedication and presentation were delayed because of his frequent absences abroad. He is the second Briton to win the award, the first being Sir Alexander Fleming, honoured in 1954 for the discovery of penicillin. Picture shows Sir Winston receiving the award from Mr C. J. Latta, European representative of Variety Clubs International, while his daughter, actress Sarah Churchill, looks on. — Express Photo.

## Menzies To Discuss Trade With Germany

Bonn, July 15.

Mr Robert Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, arrives here tomorrow for a two-day state visit during which the possibilities of an expansion of trade between West Germany and Australia is expected to be discussed.

Mr Menzies will call on Dr Konrad Adenauer the West German Chancellor and Dr Heinrich von Brentano, the Foreign Minister on Monday afternoon.

He is expected to ask West Germany to increase her purchases of Australian wheat. In recent trade negotiations Australia failed to persuade West Germany to increase her import quota beyond the 100,000 tons of previous agreements. Australian sources have said.

West Germany ranks third on the Australian import list and seventh as buyer of Australian goods.

### Other Problems

Other problems Mr Menzies is expected to discuss with his German hosts are international political problems including the reunification of Germany and the question of German immigrants.

Australia is known to want more Germans to immigrate but the West German authorities no longer encourage immigration since skilled workers are becoming scarce and the situation may be worsened if conscription is introduced.

An Australian Embassy spokesman here today said Mr John McEwan, the Australian Trade Minister, had cancelled his previous intention to accompany Mr Menzies on the visit to West Germany. He is staying in London because he has to attend urgent trade talks, the spokesman said.

### Later Opportunity

It was believed that Mr McEwan would have an opportunity to confer with Professor Ludwig Erhard the West German Economics Minister in Paris later this month.

After his two-day state visit to Bonn the Australian Prime Minister and his wife are to tour the sights of South Germany for another two days before flying to New York via London on Friday. — Reuters.

## NEW POST FOR ASIA EXPERT

Paris, July 15.

M. Jacques Roux, head of the Asian and Oceania section of the French Foreign Ministry, has been appointed Deputy Director of Political Affairs, it was announced today.

Roux will be replaced by M. Pierre Millet, at present Counselor at the French Embassy in Washington. Roux was one time Counselor at France's Embassy in China. He directed the Embassy delegation withdrawn to Canton during 1949 and was appointed Asian Affairs Director in 1950.

Millet was successively Second Secretary at France's Embassy in Peking, Vice-Counselor in Bangkok and later for several years stayed in the Asian Affairs Department at the Quai d'Orsay. — France Press.

## US And Britain May Have To Change Strategy

By JOHN HEFFERNAN

New York, July 15.

The recent Soviet acceptance of the West proposals on reduced levels of armed forces for the great powers may cause the United States and Britain to change their strategy when debate in the United Nations disarmament commission is resumed tomorrow.

The announcement by Mr Andrei Gromyko, Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister, that Russia was willing to accept the basic figures of two and a half million men from the US, Russia and China, and 700,000 each for Britain and France took the Western delegations somewhat by surprise.

Basing themselves on the deadlock reached in the five power talks earlier this year in London, the Western Powers had proposed the adoption by the commission of a set of principles. One was that a disarmament programme in stages should begin, under international control, with "significant reduction in armed forces, to such levels as are feasible in present unsettled world conditions."

### Moscow Visit

Further reduction both in forces, armaments and military expenditures would be carried out as world conditions improved. That may now have to be changed in view of Mr Gromyko's announcement.

Meanwhile, the Eisenhower administration is reported to be considering a visit to Moscow by Mr Harold Stassen, the special presidential adviser on disarmament.

Usually well informed sources said this was one of a number of suggestions being examined in comprehensive and continuing review of US disarmament policies in the light of changing world situations and scientific advances in weapon technology. (In Canberra today, Australia's External Affairs Minister Mr R. G. Casey, described Russia's new proposals as an apparent concession, but warned that it would be wise to examine them very carefully before placing too much hope on them.)

Mr Gromyko, in addition to expressing readiness to meet the figures proposed by the West for the great powers, also proposed a "ceiling" of 150,000 to 200,000 for "other powers", a figure which the West is unlikely to agree. The United States had proposed a level of 500,000.

France and Britain have not specified a figure but, principally with Germany in mind, as a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, would want a ceiling considerably above that advocated by Mr Gromyko.

### Depends On Fate

The Soviet delegate, in proposing the lower level for "other powers", was held by Western diplomats to be going back on the statement at the Geneva summit conference made by Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, the Soviet Prime Minister, to the effect that the 150,000 to 200,000 figure should be reached in the "final" of reductions.

## Dulles Defends Policy Changes

New York, July 15.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles said today that a foreign policy, like a sail boat, needs "a lot of tacking" to reach its objective.

Dulles answered criticism that his policies change too often, in an informal speech to members of the Sodus Bay Yacht Club.

"You and I know that when we set ourselves an objective we have to find how to get there in spite of the winds against us," he said. "This calls for a lot of tacking."

### Not Quickest

Dulles said that people unfamiliar with sailing were probably not aware that a straight line between two points was not necessarily the quickest way of travelling.

Dulles, a sailing enthusiast, spent the weekend in this small sailing port, on Lake Ontario.

## Lady Eden Has Guests In Pineapple Fibre



Lady Eden, wife of the British Prime Minister, with Mr R. L. Villaverde, Consul General at the Philippine Embassy in London, and his wife, at the United Nations Association garden party given by Lady Eden at No. 10 Downing Street, last Monday. Mr and Mrs Villaverde are wearing the country's national costume. His shirt and the sleeves of her dress are made of pineapple fibre material. — Associated Press.

## Russia May Supply Burma With Capital Equipment

Washington, July 15.

Dr Everett Hagen, an American authority on economic development, today warned that the Soviet Union might become Burma's main supplier of capital goods.

He urged the United States to resume its economic aid to Burma which ceased in 1953.

Dr Hagen has just completed two years' research in Burma for the US National Planning Association—a non-profit, non-political organisation devoted to economic planning.

He suggested that Burma had terminated US aid in 1953 because it created "political danger" to Burma's anti-Communist leaders.

### BARTER DEAL

Now, under a rice-barter agreement signed between Burma and the Soviet Union on April 1, Russia might become the major supplier of capital goods to Burma, Dr Hagen said.

Renewed US aid should be in the form of technical assistance grants and long-term, low interest loans "with no strings attached," he said.

It was reported last week that US Government officials were studying a Burmese enquiry on development loans. — Reuters.

## Gets Passport Returned

Rome, July 14.

Mr Gordon McIntire, an American dismissed by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation in 1953 because he lacked a US loyalty clearance and had his passport withdrawn, has now received a new unrestricted passport.

Neither the State Department nor the United States Consulate here gave Mr McIntire any reason for the sudden change. But he was told that normal passports will also be issued for his wife and two young children.

Although the State Department has now restored his passport, Mr McIntire is still without the loyalty clearance required of all United States citizens for employment in the various United Nations agencies. Both he and his wife have filed affidavits that they were never Communist Party members. — China Mail Special.

## Long Distance Photography

Washington, July 15.

An ocean research expedition using the longest single nylon line ever woven will try to take photographs in the sun at the record depth of 28,000 feet off the West African coast this month, the National Geographic Society announced here.

A 100 lb. camera will be lowered on a 28,000 foot nylon line, a quarter of an inch thick from the French oceanographic ship, Calypso, anchored by another 28,000 foot nylon line, 350 miles off the Librarian coast.

The Society said that if the attempt is successful, the expedition will repeat it 800 miles westward in the 25,000 foot Bismarck Trench, one of the deepest holes in the Atlantic. The deepest undersea photograph yet made was in 1950 at a depth of 16,000 feet. — China Mail Special.



# Why Is Aneurin Bevan Interesting Himself In Colonial Affairs?

IT is now six months since Mr Aneurin Bevan stepped into the shoes of Mr James Griffiths as "Colonial Secretary" in the Labour Party's Shadow Cabinet.

by  
**HAROLD JAMES**

His change to the colonial field surprised Britain. It came as a thunderclap to the people of the colonies, for he had previously shown no interest in their affairs. He was certainly no colonial "fan," like Oliver Stanley, Creech Jones and Lemmon-Boyd. He had travelled comparatively little, even as a Minister—and most Ministers manage a holiday abroad at the public expense. He had no knowledge at all of Africa.

Not least, the office of Colonial Secretary had not ranked high in the hierarchy. Only two Colonial Secretaries in the last half century have ever found their way to No. 10. At one time the post was regarded as a consolation prize for hard-working Party hacks.

But there is nothing like this today. The office of Colonial Secretary is now of the first importance. It has been filled in the last few years by men of first-rate ability—Stanley, Griffiths, Lyttelton, and Lemmon-Boyd—men with the ability to be Prime Minister of England.

A tradition has now been created that the Secretary of State for the Colonies is a man who matters, not exclusively in colonial affairs, but in the councils of the cabinet.

As such he is in the public eye. So are the colonies.

It was all this, no doubt, that attracted Mr Bevan. However dignified or historic the office, however much he "mattered" in

the councils of state, unless it was in the limelight it was unlikely to have tempted him.

An examination of colonial affairs in Parliament in recent months shows that Mr Bevan has taken a hand only when the issue has been controversial and, thus, of public interest. The negotiations over Cyprus, administration of justice in Kenya, the breakdown of the Singapore talks, the refusal to capitulate to Mr Mott—these had the makings of a "scene in Parliament" in all of them Mr Bevan has participated.

But when all has been plain sailing, it has been left to the "lieutenant," Mr Creech Jones, to make some platitudinous comment.

For example, after a brush with the Colonial Secretary over Malta recently, Mr Bevan gathered up his papers and left the Chamber. He was not there to wish the West Indies "good luck" when the non-contentious British Caribbean Federation Bill came before the House.

He did not even stay for the opening speech.

When British policy towards the Gold Coast was announced, who weighed in for the Opposition to express congratulations? Not Mr Bevan but his No. 1.

All this suggests that Mr Bevan took on the colonies so as to make the utmost Party capital out of them.

Yet, does Nye really want the colonies to be the bone in the dog's eye? Does he approach them solely to score party points?

There is some evidence for thinking that, in his more re-

flexive moments, Mr Bevan would not be averse from reducing the present heated atmosphere of colonial discussions. For one thing, he may well be the next Socialist Secretary of State for the Colonies, and his task would be easier if he were on speaking terms with the Opposition. There is no sign of that relationship today.

Although his temper has at times got the better of him, he has been studiously moderate in his approach to the most contentious colonial issue of all—Cyprus.

Over Kenya he declined to divide the House over Miss Fletcher's charges, much to the annoyance of his extreme left wing.

More important than those straws in the wind are the proposals he has submitted for revising the constitutional machinery for considering colonial affairs. They may not be acceptable to the Government, but they show an intention to take the matter seriously.

At one all was his plea in a recent debate on Kenya for a bi-partisan colonial policy.

"It is essential that as far as possible the constitutional development of the colonies should arise from common agreement in this House. It would be extremely undesirable if every time there was a change of government in Great Britain there was also a change in the constitution of the colonies."

No one who has listened to the violent exchanges between Mr Bevan and the Colonial Secretary would believe that those words are his.

They are far more reminiscent of Oliver Stanley. But if they were meant—and there is no reason to doubt Mr Bevan's sincerity—there is hope that the present party warfare over the problems of the colonies may abate.



COLD-SHOULDERED

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To dodge the heavy blows of the British tax collector, Noel Coward has packed off to live in Bermuda... but the betting is he'll soon be back—the perennial small boy with the peashooter... they can't hold him down

## AN ENGLISHMAN OUT IN THE MID-DAY SUN

By **LES ARMOUR**

Last night we got an awful From a rather tearful Clergyman we knew, When he turned the sobs on, We replied 'With knobs on' And the same to you!

THUS, thumbs to noses, sang the three fearful juvenile delinquents in Noel Coward's "Ace of Clubs." And thus, thumb to nose, Coward has saluted the world for forty years. Critics have upbraided him for his inability to take life seriously for more than one play at a time. Clergymen have accused him of debasing the public morality. Politicians have implored him to stop playing havoc with national institutions. The BBC has even banned one of his songs. But all to no avail.

### MARCHES ON

COWARD marches on—a perennial small boy with a peashooter ready to prick the over-inflated balloons of pomposity anywhere. World War II brass hats shuddered and roared with laughter at the strains of Colonel Montmorency (who "emerged from his retirement for the war") and his struggle to prise a Bren gun from the War Office. ("We've got some ammunition in a rather damp condition. And Major Huss has an Aqueduct that was used at Waterloo.") Then the peace-makers shook with rage at "Don't Let's Be Beasty to the Germans." ("We must be sweet and tactful and discreet. And when they've suffered defeat we mustn't let them feel upset.") The BBC even banned the song, but "Don't let's be beastly" became a national catch phrase all the same.

Long before, the empire builders had felt his sting—and laughed themselves silly—at "Mad Dogs and Englishmen" and the upper classes struggling "to prove the upper classes have still the upper hand" paused long enough to roar at "The Slaty Homes of England."

### VICTORIAN

NOBODY quite escaped Coward's pen. Except, curiously, the British working class, for whom he has a marked regard. But there was a curious sentiment mixed discreetly with the acid.

Coward had—and has—a deep and sentimental affection for the

mad Englishman labouring in the mid-day sun, for the bankrupt scions propping up their stately homes, for the Home Guard armed with "the Vicar's stirrup pump, a pitch-fork and a spade." There would have been no fun in "Don't let's be beastly" but for the fact that the natural reaction of the Briton is the rush to the aid of his enemy the minute he's down.

No one satirised by Coward—unless he is very dense—can keep a straight face long enough to feel the sting. It isn't a mere accident that Coward's satire doesn't hurt. In 1924, he appeared in his own play, "The Vortex." Overnight, he rocketed from relative obscurity into fame. In it he played "a neurotic misfit who took drugs, made sharp, witty remarks, and was desolately unhappy." That label, he complains, has stuck to him ever since, and hardly anybody ever since has been able to see through it.

In real life he is gentle, hard-working, relatively easy-going sort who was exceedingly kind to his mother (she died two years ago at 91), goes to bed regularly at eleven, gets up at 6.30, drinks a little, and avoids most of the more obvious forms of dissipation.

Or so, at any rate, he stoutly maintains. And the evidence is on his side. He belongs, in fact, not to the roaring twenties which made him famous but the Victorian era, and he has fought a one-man war against the twentieth century.

### DISQUIETING

HIS taste for what used to be called "gracious living" led him to buy and occupy a 20-room rambling mansion in Kent, built on sixteenth century foundations and added to ever since.

The same passion has made him believe, firmly—like his Victorian predecessors—that the nastier side of life should be kept carefully locked behind thick doors.

Not long ago he snorted: "Since the war, a terrible pall of significance has fallen over plays. Now a hero must be a tramp or a drunk or a juvenile delinquent, or have terrible sex complications."

Coward's heroes display a sometimes disquieting lack of terrible sex complications—a matter which has now and then led him to cross swords with various kinds of moralists. And he still prefers a gent to a tramp any day.

On another level, his rebellion against the twentieth century cuts deeper. Not long ago he applied for a licence to conduct his business in Bermuda. The official legal notice said he proposed: "To carry on the businesses of pro-



ducers, manufacturers, licensors, licensees, performers, agents, consultants, distributors, renters, proprietors, proprietors, contractors, exporters, importers, buyers, sellers, hirers, publishers, exhibitors, dealers in and agents of musical plays, dramas, concerts, songs, lyrics, novels, scenarios, sketches, musical compositions, motion pictures, radio and television shows and performances, etc."

It did not say that he can also stand on his head. But he can. Coward is a one-man band in a day of symphony orchestras—and he can out-draw the symphony orchestra any day.

He made his name acting, singing, and playing the piano—and writing plays. But that is only the beginning.

He has a novel more than half written and he has recently proved that he can paint well enough to sell.

At 56 he entered the night club entertainment business with a bang and earned the biggest fee ever paid in the United States (£10,000 a week). At 57, he tackled TV. He was paid £175,000 for the three shows.

### BIG HIT

IN the first he offered himself. Mary Martin, and a backdrop consisting of one sofa. They sang and danced and quipped. They were an instant hit and no one regretted Coward's fabulous fee.

In a medium choked with costly sets, fabulous gimmicks, and millions of pounds' worth of assorted hooch, Coward dared to present a diet of pure Coward backed by a sofa. It was a triumph of man over machine which filled him with high glee. He has always had a firm belief that the Coward talent is a lie that the Coward talent is a lie that the Coward talent is a lie.

His two music lessons are the only lessons he has ever taken from anybody about anything, since the day he left school for the theatre.

That, too, is perhaps part of the Coward rebellion.

In an age overflowing with people prepared to teach other people anything on earth, Coward has preferred to do things rather than to sit and listen.

And he has never been prepared to sit and do any one thing for long. Plays in which he appears are regularly cut short so he can get on to the next thing. Every new medium is a new challenge.

The only thing he hasn't been able to do is to abandon his "gracious living."

### FINAL DIG

TWENTY years ago he said he would rather be happy than rich. "The only way to get on in the world is to be happy and to preserve his riches."

To dodge the heavy blows of the British tax collector he has sold up his stately home and his art collection, and moved to Bermuda.

Of course, he has a new stately home there—with some of the trappings. "The stately homes of England," you remember, "though rather in the lurch, provide a lot of chances for psychical research. There's the ghost of a crazy younger son who murdered in thirteen fifty-one an extremely rowdy nun."

Well, Coward's new home, of course, has a ghost, albeit the ghost of what is described as "a lovely young French girl."

And, of course, he couldn't leave without a final dig at the English. His new play, "South Sea Bubble," recounts the terrible tale of a British colony under the mid-day sun in which the local Conservative and Labour parties, nurtured by the Colonial Office, are engaged in a fearful row over the nationalisation of public conveniences.

Who wants to bet that Coward won't be back soon—tax collectors or not?

## The Lonely Woman On The Hilltop

## FRAU HESS TAKES BUT 5 GUESTS

From  
**PETER DACRE**

Kempton, Bavaria. FRAU ILSE HESS, wife of Rudolf Hess, who was Hitler's Deputy Fuehrer until he fled to Britain during the war, has opened a little guest house in the mountains near Kempton, Bavaria.

She has a 300-year-old wooden farmhouse at the top of a steep, winding cart-track at Gellertberg. It is called Gasthaus Berghenberg—"Guest House on the Hill."

Here, for 4s. to 7s. 6d. a night, guests dine by candlelight under a straw roof and sip wine served by Frau Hess, once one of the first ladies of Germany.

I am staying the week-end as one of her five guests. Frau Hess met me at the door. Her mass of fair hair was tied with a blue ribbon. She wore a faded blue overall and black flat sandals.

"It is very simple, but I hope you will be very comfortable," she said. She led the way into a hall, pointed to the straw roof, and said: "I could not afford anything else at one time. But now everybody is enchanted with it."

MEMORIES The memory of Deputy Fuehrer Hess is everywhere in the house.

In my bedroom is a picture of him with his wife and son. In the dining-room are Hess's books, some of them inscribed "To Reichsmarschal Hess."

In the hall is a bust of an English girl bought by Hess before the war.

The guests use cutlery and napkins with the monogram R.H.

Frau Hess does not like talking about her husband—now in Spandau Prison as a war criminal.

"I have not spoken to him since he flew to England," she said. "But we write regularly."

"My husband is not ill mentally or physically. He never has been."

"I want him to be released but I have no great hope that it will be soon. When he is freed he will come here to live quietly."

"Everyone thinks we have a million in Switzerland but that is not true. All we have is in this house. That is why I am working to make a home for him as well as myself."

Occasionally she will reminisce about the old days. SHE'S HAPPY

When she saw me looking at books about naval battles of the First World War she said: "That was one of my husband's hobbies. He had small models of ships and would reconstruct the battles."

"Once, long before the war, when your Prince of Wales (now the Duke of Windsor) visited us he and my husband disappeared into the cellar."

"When we found them they had the ships and were fighting the Battle of Jutland. They were both getting very angry about it."

The House on the Hill can take five guests. "No more, otherwise I have to pay tax," says Frau Hess.

Her son, now 18, is at school in Berchtesgaden. Later he will study in Munich to be a construction engineer.

Frau Hess is laughing and joking with her guests. "This week-end, after a spell of poor weather the sun is shining and that means more visitors."

As she carried a pail of water from a garden trough she said: "I am happy here. I would not like to live in a town again."

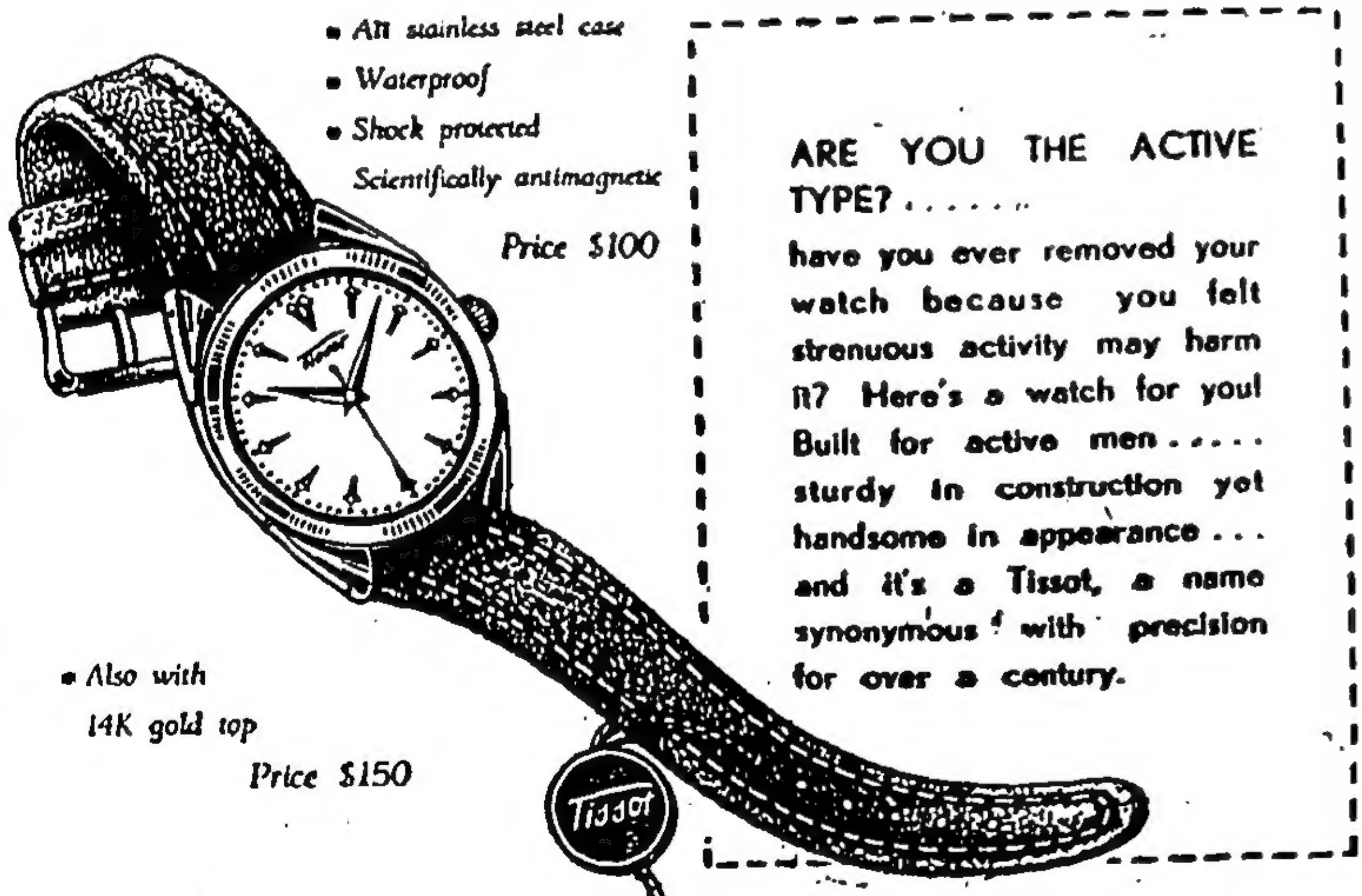
FOOTNOTE—Hess flew to Britain on May 10, 1941. In October 1946 he was sentenced to life imprisonment at the Nuremberg war crimes trials. He is now 62.

## POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER

"Darling, do tell me—is Tosca a racing driver or that new soprano at Glyndebourne?"

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## WEEK-END LAWN BOWLS

## CCC NOW IN FAVOURABLE POSITION FOR FIRST DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIP

By "TOUCHER"

Help from unexpected quarters enabled Craigengower Cricket Club to recover from their previous week's disastrous defeat at the hands of Kowloon Cricket Club and jump back into the most favourable position for the First Division Lawn Bowls League Championship.

The Craigengower bowlers did their small part in this dramatic change of fortunes, but the greater part of the tremendous swing was due mainly to the magnificent efforts of Taikoo and Kowloon Bowling (Green Club).

Confounding the critics, the Taikoo twelve played the game of their life against the Kowloon Recreation Club "Blues". Though playing on an away green, they bowled so extremely well that they led throughout the whole of the second half of the game on all the three rinks to end up each with a comfortable win.

Against K. M. Omar, B. M. Omar, A. R. Kitchell and A. Ali, the Taikoo four of G. T. Graham, S. G. Mann, B. Douglas and Bob Marshall were trailing behind by 4-6 at the end of the 8th head. A six on the next head by them saw them snitch the lead and the beginning of a stretch of exceptionally brilliant bowls by skip Bob Marshall.

Although the IRC four were all of them playing quite good bowls, Marshall time and again did the damage to lead his four to a comfortable 24-17 win.

Pitted against R. White, R. A. Fleming, N. Fraser and W. B. Brown, the IRC four of A. R. Rahman, O. R. Siddick, J. Huxson and A. H. Scemlin failed to reproduce their usual form except of the first eight heads when they lead by 8-5.

**BRILLIANT PATCH**  
The Taikoo four struck a brilliant patch on the next six

heads to chalk up 16 shots including two fours to lead by 21-8. They were no stopping them until the final score of 23-18 was reached. But for the steady bowling of Jeff Huxson as No 3 for the IRC "Blues", the severe against his rink would have been much bigger.

Although a formidable combination on paper, the IRC four of A. R. Rahman, A. M. Omar, S. Yusuf and M. B. Hassan failed to click as a team and trailed all the way in their match against G. H. Clayton, J. McArthur, C. McLennan and J. H. Kinniburgh to lose out by 9-17.

For their victory the Taikoo four owed quite a great deal to the steady and consistent bowling of their three front-men, but most of all to a skip playing at top form.

On the same afternoon, Kowloon Cricket Club received a rude jolt from their neighbours Kowloon Bowling Green Club who came back with a vengeance to just miss fully avenging their first-round defeat by one point. Main credit goes to the KBGC four of R. Browne, T. Gass, F. Francis and Wally Williamson

whose 22-5 win over the KCC four of D. Phillips, M. J. Divchea, J. Duffield and W. Hong Sling paved the way to their team's grand upset victory.

Without knowing it, Craigengower made it a full Saturday by not only taking four points from Philipine Club but also by collecting three bottles of whisky to celebrate the afternoon. On a green that was almost "dog-legged" on one hand and practically straight on the other, the Craigengower four of C. C. Ma, F. Lee, P. K. Lau and J. Lau, did score an eight in their second head against C. Rosario, A. J. Coelho, A. H. Souza and C. A. Coelho with shots almost a yard away from the jack. P. Mason, F. O. Madar, G. Hong Choy and A. E. Coates followed this feat a little later by taking a seven from E. J. Xavier, W. Lee, A. Bachoo and R. Bassi despite a praiseworthy attempt by veteran Dick Bassi when his last wood just glided off an opposing shot wood to be inches out of the count.

The KCC "Blues" continued their winning streak in the Second Division with R. S. Gaurilay, four maintaining their unbeaten record in the skip's table. One upset recorded in this division was the unexpected defeat of Kowloon Cricket Club by a 4-1 margin by KCC "White" which left Recreo temporarily in the runner-up position.

The Colony Open Rinks Championships reached the quarter-final stages yesterday when eight matches were played off. No major upsets were registered although due credit may be extended to the KCC four of S. Telford, G. Hutchison, R. Lapsley and G. Coles for their fine 17-16 win over the Craigengower four of C. C. Ma, S. K. Pavri, F. O. Madar and S. L. Leonard. They had all the way until 16-10 on the 17th head.

The CCC four rallied back with a two, three and a single to draw level at 16-16 on the last head but conceded a single on the deciding head.

Recreo's representatives enjoyed a black afternoon in the matches. Both their reputed rinks, one skippered by A. A. Lopes and the other by J. A. da Luz were eliminated leaving only the four of G. Rosario, C. Goncalves, R. Silva Netto and A. V. Lopes in the last eight of the event.

The Craigengower four of C. C. Ma, F. Lee, A. E. Coates and J. S. Landolt struck their best form so far this season when they out-bowled F. G. da Luz, S. E. Souza, C. E. Passos and A. A. Lopes by 28-13. Another top-contending combination consisting of J. Chubb, L. Gibson, F. R. Kermann and W. Hong Sling also showed impressive form in their 20-16 victory over J. C. Francisco, A. P. Pereira, C. C. Pereira and J. A. da Luz.

**BRIGHTEST HOPE**  
As Price has beaten 25 feet on several occasions he is one of South Africa's brightest hopes for an Olympic gold medal.

Other athletes likely to be considered are Paul Soane, who has reduced the South African 880 Yards record to 1 minute 50.3 seconds; Jakobus van der Merwe (sprints); Yards record at 14.2 seconds after Tom Lavery had held the record at 14.3 seconds for 18 years; and Hendrik Kruger, who is expected to return home shortly from Oklahoma University where he has been clearing over 14 feet 6 inches in the Pole Vault.

Four women athletes in the running for the team are: Margaret Myburgh (sprints); Hermine Oeyers (a tall 17-year-old schoolgirl who has hopes of repeating Mrs Ester Brand's Helsinki victory in the High Jump); Fenna van Heerden (Long Jump); and Elaine Winter (80 Metres Hurdles).—China Mail Special.

broken at the recent South African athletic championships at Bloemfontein in the women's Long Jump, won by Fenna van Heerden with a leap of 19 feet 4 inches.

Jan Bernard, who finished third in the Empire Games Marathon in Vancouver retained his 20 miles South African title with a time of 2 hours 37 minutes 30 seconds. He appears to be a certainty for Melbourne.

Neville Price, a member of the Springbok Helsinki team, won the Long Jump with a leap of 24 feet 5 inches under atrocious conditions. During the visit of the German athletic team towards the end of last year Price set a new South African record with a jump of 25 feet 10 inches—a distance that was bettered by only three men in the world during 1955.

**RECORD BREAKER**  
Stewart, a 19-year-old Johannesburg swimmer, was the star at the recent National Championships when he won four freestyle titles and set the following records:—100 Metres in 67.4 seconds; 200 Metres in 2 minutes 9.1 seconds; 400 Metres in 4 minutes 42.5 seconds; 1,600 Metres in 19 minutes 3.0 seconds which was 36.5 seconds off the existing records.

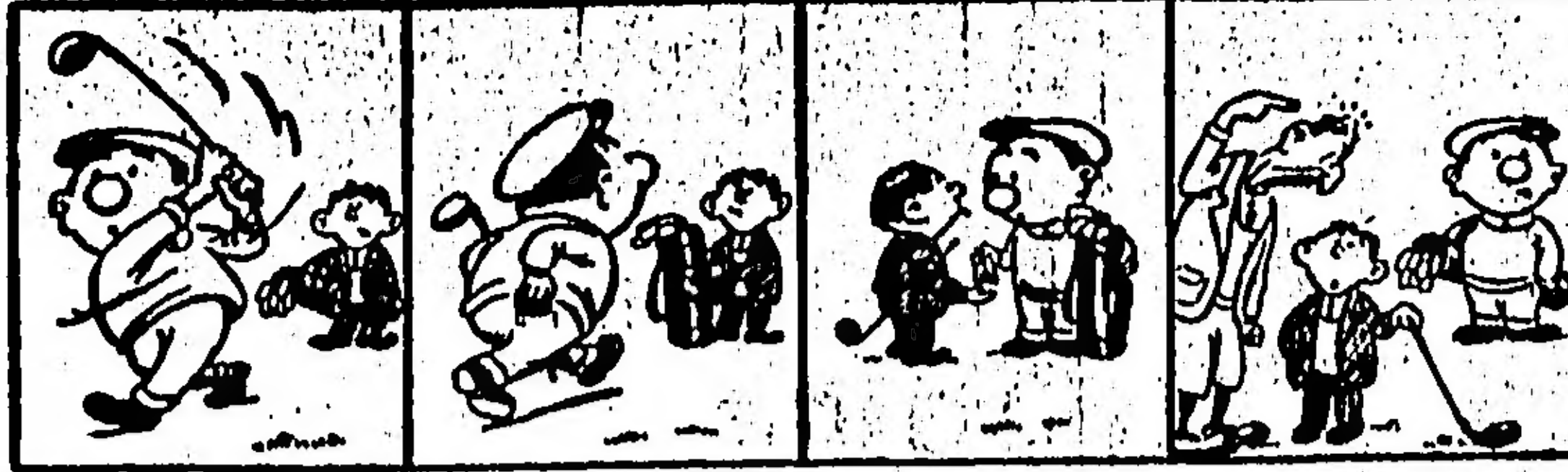
Miss Harrison (Mrs Brestzke) lowered her own South African record for the 100 Metres backstroke with a time of 1 minute 16.8 seconds.

Miss Natalie Myburgh broke the women's 100 and 200 Metres records by returning 1.00.3 seconds and 4 minutes 20 seconds respectively.

Owing to adverse weather conditions only one record was

## SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



## TOUR DE FRANCE

## FIRST DAY'S REST COST BRITAIN'S ROBINSON 4 PLACES IN OVERALL POSITION

Bayonne, July 15.

Sprinters made the most of today's last stage on the flat before the mountain stages of the Tour de France cycling race, when they streaked over the 201 kilometres of the 10th stage from Bordeaux to Bayonne today.

Belgium's Alfred De Bruyne won the stage in 4 hours, 50 minutes and 39 seconds, at just over 40 kilometres an hour against heavy rain showers.

Andre Darrigade (France) was second and Gilbert De Smet (Belgium) third in the same time, but they know they are almost doomed in the mountain climbs which start in the Pyrenees from here to Pau tomorrow.

Of the first twelve in today's stage—all with the same time as the winner—only Nello Lauredi (Southeast France) and Gilbert Bauvin (France) can hold their own in the mountains.

Holland's Gerrit Voorting took the yellow sweater as overall leader from Roger Walkowiak with a total time of 52 hours, 46 minutes and 39 seconds for the 1,990 kilometres covered out of the 4,460 kilometres 24-days race around France over 22 stages.

## MAIN PACK

The attacks started early today, leaving the main pack sleeping after the first of the two day's rest at Bordeaux on

Saturday. The mountain ace, including Luxembourg's Charly Gaul, Belgium's Jean Brankart and Spain's Federico Bahamonte, took it easy in the main pack.

They hope to surge ahead as from tomorrow, and Gaul needs to gain every minute he can. He is 53 minutes, 41 seconds down on the overall leader, due mainly to a bitter duel with Belgium's Stan Ockers. The duel also cost Ockers many minutes.

The first day's rest in the Tour de France cycling race proved fatal for Brian Robinson. Britain's lone rider and he cost him four places in the overall position after today's 120-mile stage.

He is now at the 21st position with 53 hours, 14 minutes and 30 seconds for the 1,250 miles covered, and 27 minutes and 51 seconds down on the overall leader.

His legs were stiff when the 100 riders left Bordeaux under peeling rain. It wasn't until the 20 miles stage had been passed that his legs started to warm up. But by that time 10 riders were away in the lead.

The 25-year-old former joiner from Mirfield shared 27th place with the main pack with 5 hours, 13 minutes and 50 seconds. He admitted after the race: "The first few miles were tough and naturally after the day's rest, my legs were painful, but in the end everything went OK."

## MOUNTAIN STAGE

The first of the tough mountain stage in the Pyrenees starts tomorrow, when Luxembourg's ace mountain climber, Charly Gaul, and Robinson's captain, hopes to make up the valuable time he has lost on the flat. He is at the 51st position and 53 minutes and 41 seconds down on the overall leader.

Holland's Van Der Brkel abandoned the race today, leaving

ing 105 riders out of the 120 starters in the Tour.

## TEAM POSITIONS

Team positions for the 10th Stage.

1. Belgium — 14 hrs, 57 mins, 37 secs.
2. France — 14 hrs, 58 mins, 27 secs.
3. Italy and Holland — 15 hrs, 13 mins, 8 secs.
4. West France, Ile De France, Southwest and Southeast France, 15 hrs, 27 mins, 19 secs.
5. Luxembourg — 15 hrs, 33 mins, 40 secs.
6. Spain, Switzerland and Northeast Central France, 15 hrs, 41 mins, 30 secs.

## OVERALL POSITIONS

Overall Team positions:

1. Belgium—157 hrs, 28 mins, 56 secs.
2. Holland—157 hrs, 40 mins, 30 secs.
3. West France—157 hrs, 40 mins, 19 secs.
4. France—157 hrs, 54 mins, 28 secs.
5. Italy—158 hrs, 16 mins, 35 secs.
6. Northeast Central France—158 hrs, 48 mins, 36 secs.
7. Southwest France—159 hrs, 24 mins, 45 secs.
8. Southeast France—159 hrs, 27 mins, 45 secs.
9. Luxembourg—159 hrs, 44 mins, 20 secs.
10. Switzerland—160 hrs, 12 mins, 39 secs.
11. Spain—160 hrs, 10 mins, 28 secs.—France-Press.

## Swaps Win Hollywood Park Gold Cup Race

Inglewood, California, July 15.

Swaps, great rival of Nostalgia, won the 162,100 dollar (about £57,800 sterling) Hollywood Park Gold Cup over one and a quarter miles here yesterday.

Mr Gus was second and Porthouse third.

## At Chicago

Chicago, July 15.

Mr Gay Drake's colt, Swoca's Son, gained his fifth successive victory when he won the 158,825 dollar (about £56,000 sterling) Arlington Classic over one-mile here yesterday.

Ben A. Jones was second and Doubledogdare, the only filly in the field of eight, was third.—China Mail Special.

## Career "Double"

The cricketer's "double" is 1,000 runs and 100 wickets in a season. A career "double" is 10,000 runs and 1,000 wickets. It has not yet been accomplished since the War, but Vic Jackson, Leicestershire's Australian, is well on the way to achieving it. He has scored 15,000 runs and needs 93 wickets this season for his 1,000. He got 112 last summer. Talking of Australians, the tourists are all non-smokers except Crawford and Wilson.

## Trinidad Hopes To Increase Team To 10 For Olympic Games

Port of Spain, Trinidad, July 15.

Last year Trinidad entered a provisional team of six (four competitors and two officials) for the Melbourne Olympics. Now the local Olympics committee hopes to increase the number to 10 by sending along two or three youngsters who will gain much needed experience from competition of such a high standard and who will not necessarily have their eyes on an Olympic medal.

To send a team of 10 from Trinidad to the other side of the world will cost £2,020. The sum required is completely beyond the resources of the Trinidad Olympic Games Committee and the organisations affiliated to it, but in Trinidad the government has always been willing to help in sporting ventures of this kind.

Agostini, who equalled the world 100 yards record of 9.3 seconds and set up a short-lived 220 yards record of 20.1 seconds this year in the United States is coming home on August 1 for a three-month training session.—China Mail Special.

The committee is hopeful that the government will subscribe half the cost so long as it is certain that the other half will be forthcoming from the general public and from sporting organisations.

One of the reasons why public support is expected to be enthusiastic is that Trinidad has an even better chance of winning medals at Melbourne than at London and Helsinki.

Michael Agostini running the sprints with outstanding success in the United States where he is on an athletic scholarship is the big hope on the track. So far he has been running second only to Dave Sime, the brilliant young American sprinter.

## OLYMPIC HUNDRED

But the Olympic hundred is noted for its upsets and expectation here is high that Agostini will do what everyone in the British Caribbean wanted Trinidad-born MacDonald Bailey to accomplish—win an Olympic gold medal in the sprints.

There is also the fact that Rodney Wilkes the feather-weight weightlifter who was second in London and third in Helsinki is already living near the top of his form and he has expressed confidence he will improve on his previous Olympic performances.

These two are the bright stars of the prospective Trinidad Olympic team.

## Another Tennis Title For Shirley Fry

Duquesne, July 15.  
Wimbledon Champion Shirley Fry of the US today won the Women's Singles title at the local international tennis tournament.

In the final Miss Fry beat Heather Brewer of Bermuda, 6-1, 13-11.

The Men's Singles title was won by 21-year-old student Bob Perry of the US. He beat Don Candy of Australia, 3-6, 6-3, 8-0, 1-6, 6-1, to the final.

Some 3,000 spectators witnessed the final round play in sultry weather.—United Press.

## Sports Diary

## TODAY

Open Singles: Matches at HKCC, KBGC, HKFC, CCC, IRC, Recreo, KCC.

Water-polo: China v. Hong Kong, 6 p.m.

Tennis: "A" Division: KCC v. USRC, SCAA v. Recreo, IRC v. CRC.

Children's Golf opening day at Deep Water Bay.

## TOMORROW

Men's "B" Division: RAF v. CSRC, SCAA v. HKCC, Recreo v. Army, CRC (2) v. HKU, HKCA v. CRC (1), CCC (1) v. LRC, USRC v. Urban-C.

Water-polo: Navy v. Army, South (Navy) 5 p.m.; Dockyard v. YFCA (Navy) 5.30 p.m.; RAF v. Army, Navy (RAF) 5.30 p.m.

## INTERNATIONAL TENNIS

## Rosewall Beats Neilsen To Win Singles Title

Bassid, Sweden, July 15.  
Australia's Ken Rosewall today defeated Denmark's Kurt Neilsen by 7-5, 6-3, 6-1 to win the Men's Singles title in the international tennis tournament here.

Anne Buxton of England won the ladies' final in beating Sweden's Bibi Sanden by 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Ken Rosewall won his third title when he won the mixed final together with Bibi Sanden of Sweden over Neil Fraser, Australia and Anne Buxton, England, by 6-2, 3-6, 6-1.—United Press.

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# SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

## Fighting Disease In The Tropics

By Professor Brian Macgrath

The recent visit of Queen Elizabeth II and the Duke of Edinburgh to Nigeria was not only a gracious and welcome tribute to the African people. It was a tacit acknowledgment of the enormous advances in medicine which have made it possible for them to visit with complete safety tropical regions which at the turn of the century were so disease-ridden and dangerous that a contemporary diarist wrote, "The conversation at breakfast is always—who died last night?"

In less than a lifetime the whole medical situation has changed completely for the better. Fundamental advances in both curative and preventive medicine have been successfully applied to the control of most of the medical hazards of hot climates.

THIS remarkable achievement has been made possible to some extent by the application of advances in general medicine, but largely by specific attack on the problems of local community-wide diseases such as malaria.

The basic advances upon which so much of the recent success depends have been made chiefly in laboratories in which fundamental research and field work have been harmoniously combined. Many of these establishments are centred in Europe and among these the oldest and perhaps most distinguished is the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in England.

The famous School was founded towards the end of last century by the merchants of the great port of Liverpool. It started in one room in a local hospital. Its first lecturer, Professor Sir Ronald Ross, one of the greatest pioneers in the discovery of the transmission of malaria by mosquitoes.

TODAY the School has extensive premises of its own. In the early days, work in the field was carried out through expeditions, but today extensive research in the tropics goes on through the support of Government bodies and commercial organisations. In this way, fundamental research conducted in the School can be translated into field work in stations as far apart as Kumba, in the Cameroons, where filariasis is being studied, and Kuwait, in the Persian Gulf, where a unit is studying the effects of heat on comfort and efficiency.

Present-day research covers many aspects of communicable disease, including various forms of bilharziasis and filariasis, both of which cause untold damage to health in wide regions of the tropics. Clinical problems include the treatment of diseases such as leprosy, amoebic dysentery and liver abscess, kala azar and malaria.

The most notable achievements of the School in the past, however, have been in the field of malaria and it is here that much of the active research still goes on. The chemotherapy of malaria owes much to the Liverpool School. For example, it was in its Tropical Diseases Centre during and immediately subsequent to World War II that the potent antimalarial

drug halodrine was first studied and clinically assessed. Recent work has included research of a more fundamental nature dealing with the problems of malaria as a disease. Why, for instance, does infection with the malarial parasite make a man ill? From such studies, observations are made which are of importance not only to tropical medicine but to medicine as a whole. For instance, it was recently found that malaria was suppressed in animals and indeed humans, given an exclusive milk diet. This observation, in addition to its obvious implications with regard to the disease in infants, has demonstrated how the outcome of a disease can be determined not only by the invading parasite but also by the state of the host.

Again, recent studies in monkey malaria have given a lead to the treatment of some of the terrible complications of malignant tertian malaria, a form of disease which even today kills at a rate of one in ten over a million people a year.

Any detailed account of the work of the Liverpool School and similar institutions devoted to research into the medical problems of hot climates is impossible here, but enough has been said to give some idea of the importance of such work in the struggle against disease.



Under the leadership of Professor Brian Macgrath, Dean of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, England, research workers are studying the changes caused in the blood by the breaking of malarial parasites. Here Dr. Sherwood Jones (right) is about to watch parasites breathing in human blood, which is in the small bottle in his right hand. Mr. H. Southworth (left) is adjusting apparatus for judging the amounts of gases in the blood.

## Six Nations Use British Tractors

A new contract for 187 aircraft-towing tractors ordered for the Royal Air Force, brings the value of such orders now in hand at one British firm's works to about £250,000.

The latest order is for two models, one with a 4-cylinder 41 brake horsepower petrol engine and 6-speed gearbox, giving a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour, and a maximum drawpull of 3,700 pounds; and a heavier machine with a maximum speed of 12 miles

## Lightweight Alternator

A leading British engineering firm has developed an entirely new type of lightweight alternator, which takes the place of the engine flywheel in a diesel generating set, with a new voltage control system called the Rectifex.

The principal advantage is that the alternator is half as long, and weighs little more than half, compared with conventional machines, and that, because of the static excitation principle employed, there is no rotating exciter, there is no rotating exciter to adjust, the machines are available in 100 kilowatt and 150 kW sizes.

A 250 kW size is now being developed. Their powerweight ratio, it is claimed, makes them particularly suitable for all mobile applications.

An important feature of the design is that the yoke (field system) is made to couple directly to the large end of the engine crankshaft, and rotates about outside of the armature, which is stationary. The two main advantages of this are: (a) the rotating yoke has a considerable flywheel effect, takes the place of the conventional flywheel, and reduces weight, cost and overall length of the set; (b) the stationary armature is of simple construction and has much lower iron loss than an armature of normal design.

Supplementary advantages are: a straightforward ventilating system with large inlet and outlet areas can be used; a large rotating mass is available to dissipate heat, and the whole machine has a neat and compact appearance. The main advantage of the Rectifex system of excitation and control is that it is completely static. Components used are: magnetic amplifiers, rectifiers, condensers, transformers, chokes and resistances. Firm is: Brush Electrical Engineering Company Ltd., Falcors Works, Loughborough, England.

## Advances In Radio And Television In Britain

Latest Ideas Seen At London  
Exhibition

By John Hay

Radio, as an entertainment medium, is an established feature of all homes in the more advanced countries; it is also a growing and important source of instruction and entertainment in the under-developed countries.

That Britain's radio industry is keeping abreast of the increasing world demand was amply demonstrated at the National Radio Show, which opened at Earls Court, London, on August 28, and which, although primarily an exhibition to stimulate interest in the home market, is an important annual "shop window" for world buyers.

The industry has reached an important milestone in the course of a relatively short history—but it has been a history marked by constant progress and technical improvements. It is entering this year for three major developments: first, the commercial television service due to start in Britain on September 22, bringing to fruition plans first made several years ago. The latest sets can receive on 13 separate frequencies, covering future alternative services as well as existing and proposed transmissions by the British Broadcasting Corporation. Although British sets operate on a 405-line system, manufacturers cater for all export markets and can supply models for the American or Continental standards.

Secondly, a new domestic replacement market has been created by the opening up of a Very High Frequency (VHF) sound broadcasting service by the B.B.C. Transmissions by this system started in London and South-Eastern England last May, and are rapidly being extended through the country, cutting out the inescapable interference due to the crowded other conditions on the medium waveband. This new outlet in Britain will give manufacturers a firmer foundation on which to build VHF export models.

The third feature of this year's exhibition was high fidelity sound reproduction. Touched off five years ago by the introduction in Britain of microgroove gramophone records, set makers this year have incorporated in most radiograms VHF sound reception facilities. This means that the advantage common to both records and VHF radio of silent background and top-rate quality reproduction have been combined.

An interesting development in recorded music has been introduced by Electric and Musical Industries Ltd. of Hayes, Middlesex. Under its world-renowned "His Master's Voice" label, this company is marketing a repertoire of music on magnetic tape. It is now the normal practice of gramophone record companies to make their original recordings of artists' performances on tape. The tape can easily be edited, and transcribed on to any type of record. The "His Master's Voice" tapes are commercial duplicates of the masters, and when played through high-quality equipment they bring to the home an exceptionally high standard of reproduction free from background noise and distortion, and of consistent quality from beginning to end of the tape.

In addition, this firm showed its first stereosonic (twin panel) type tapes, which give qualities of depth and roundness to music and a genuine impression of being present at an actual performance. A special instrument to reproduce the tapes consists of two cabinets, usually located about eight feet (2.43 metres) apart in the average living room.

The 1955 exhibition was marked by the very large number of completely new models. Export markets have been particularly studied; a wide range of sets fully tropicalised to withstand extremes of heat and humidity will shortly be available for operation on alternating current voltages (40-100 cycles) in the ranges generally of 80 to 120 volts and 190 to 250 volts, and for alternating current/direct current working. Battery sets for operation on dry batteries or through vibrator from a vehicle battery are offered. All export models feature good bandspread coverage through the 16, 18, 19, 25, 31, 41 metre bands and medium and long wavebands. Amplifiers in tropical kit for high-fidelity reproduction are available. The General Electric Company Ltd. of Kingsway, London, W.C.2, offers a 9-waveband 6-valve superhet in addition to its well-known high-grade general purpose communications receiver used by civilians as well as Services throughout the world, and other models. A. C. Cosser Ltd. of Highbury Grove, London, N.5, to do full justice to its steadily-increasing overseas business, had an export stand for the first time, separate from its home exhibit. Most prominent feature was the "Companion", a set designed to keep in step with the spread of broadcasting in under-developed countries. Working from a single dry battery, it is robust, low in price, simple to operate, and reliable.

### MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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MONDAY, JULY 16, 1956.

## Escaped To Freedom From A London Running Track

(The following dispatch was written by Rumanian star athlete Ion Opris, who defected to the West on Saturday while running in a track meet at London's White City stadium.)

By Ion Opris, Written For United Press

London, July 15.

Only those of you who have known the rigours of life behind the Iron Curtain can understand the joy in my heart as I sit to write the story of what I consider to be my release from captivity.

And I actually made the decision to flee from my country of oppression while limbering up for the final of the 120 yards high hurdles at the British amateur athletic championships after I had won my heat. In a close finish in that final I was fourth—do you wonder that I did not better?

In fact, I remember hardly anything about that race. All I know as I jumped the last hurdle was that the prize for me, whatever position I came in, was liberty.

But let me tell you exactly what happened at the White City to me today. First of all you must know that before the Rumanian team left Bucharest I had called a friend, simply asking if I could be met at the White City today.

Throughout the preliminaries I was kept up wondering, will someone speak to me? Is this the day I can make my break? Even though I was so anxious I managed to win my heat, but nothing happened right up to the start of the final.

### SHOULDER TAP

Then still in my track suit, I was limbering up at the start with the other finalists when a man I did not know tapped me on the shoulder. He made himself known to me as a correspondent of the free Rumanian press in London and I told him simply, "I want to get away."

That was all I had to say, and there and then I made up my mind that at the end of that lane of hurdles lay my passport to freedom.

All the time my new-found friend was chatting to me, I continued with my pre-race exercises and warmed him that the other members of the Rumanian team, and particularly the managers, must know nothing of our conversation in any way.

I had come to the conclusion some time ago that life in a Communist-controlled police state with all its attendant restrictions was no longer possible for me. I had to leave. And here I was at the great White City Stadium, where last year I had competed in the same championships, ready to make that break.

I was wondering what that crowd of 25,000 would think if they knew what was in my mind as I took my place with the other five competitors—all British—in that final. Now they will know just how I felt, and although it was a close finish, why I was in no condition to give of my best.

### INTO ACTION

And when I passed the finishing post—I was fourth, I understand—I immediately put into action the plan I had discussed only 30 seconds before. Back to the start I went, the cheers of the crowd for the winner of my race still ringing in my ears, and re-donned my blue track suit bearing the letters in white, R.P.R.—Rumanian People's Republic. Even as I did so I had time to reflect I was wearing that emblem of the Rumanian team, the one I had been destined to wear at the Olympic games for the last time.

Then, without speaking to anyone I hurried to the dressing room and, after a quick shower, changed. Making sure I was

not followed I made straight for the stadium exits. My friend, with another man, met me there and carrying my running kit they escorted me hurriedly to the car, parked about 200 yards away and I was driven to a top floor flat in west London.

As the rest of my luggage I have had to leave at the hotel where I was staying with the other members of my country's team sharing a room, in fact, with another team mate and the team manager, Andrei Savescu.

### 2,000 RAZOR BLADES

It may sound a little but I think the things I am most sorry about in that luggage are 2,000 razor blades. You see, when I came here I was not sure if it would be possible for me to stay. If I had to go back to Rumania why not make a little money, I thought. And razor blades were the answer—two-pence each here, four shillings each in Rumania. Now I have another problem. What shall I do with them if I get them back?

This action of mine in fleeing from my country will naturally come as a shock to my family, who had no idea of my plans. My mother and father, who are both aged, are living in Transylvania where I also have a 29-year-old brother, a doctor. I only hope and pray that it will have no adverse repercussions to them, nor indeed on my wife Valeria, who is now a medical student, though our marriage has not had hoped.

Unhappily, through my experiences in the Ministry of the Interior where I have seen the methods employed, I know that all four of them are bound to be subjected to lengthy interrogations, but since they had no inkling of my intentions, nothing can happen to them.

### SEEKS FREEDOM

I am not running away from any particular thing—I am just searching for freedom as so many of my compatriots have and so many more would do if they had the chance.

It was three years ago that I first conceived the idea of making for the West if the opportunity came. I had just gained a degree in economics at the University of Bucharest and began to realise the animosities of the political situation.

Rumania today is a country where you can trust no-one and liberty in any shape or form is a thing of the past. One's very action is watched in case something might be said or done which in any way could be construed as being critical of the Republic.

The standard of living, too, is dreadful and must be one of the lowest in the world. For instance my pay as the accountant dealing with all transport in the Ministry of Interior was \$102 a month, yet the suit I am wearing, quite an ordinary one, and the only one I possess cost the equivalent of \$420.

### \$16.80 A POUND

Coffee, \$16.80 a pound, and nylon at \$20 a pair will give some idea of the cost of living. My pay incidentally was high and based purely on the fact that I was a well-known athlete and member of the national team. Had I lost my place my pay would have been dropped to under a half of what I was receiving.

But as athletes we were fed magnificently and all our food was bought for us in the finest restaurants—the amount of food bought for me by the state in one week cost more than my whole month's salary.

But now all that is behind me, I should love to be able to take up athletics in this country again, but first I have to find a job to keep me going. At the moment I have nothing. But with this wonderful feeling of freedom, I feel I have everything.—United Press.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Glad to see you getting healthful exercise, Mr. Scott! I'll bet you can get by the doctor for another nice insurance policy!"

## Those Who Stayed Away Missed Something

Last night's recital by the Hongkong Concert Orchestra under their conductor, Mr. Victor Ardy, contained a series of experiments. Having lost, at least temporarily, the facilities of their old home at the Ritz Ballroom, the orchestra last night played at the Miramar Hotel. The orchestra performed among the potted palms of the "Palm Court" in an atmosphere rather reminiscent of several of the British seaside resorts.

The acoustics and general surroundings suited the orchestra admirably. The higher ceiling and disposition of the furnishings allowed the volume of the sound to spread further so that the tonal quality of the orchestra could be heard to much better advantage.

The second experiment was in the seating arrangement of the audience. This time we were, on the whole, arranged in a much more formal manner of fairly neat rows. As a result, the old informality of the Ritz with chairs grouped around individual tables was somewhat lost and it took longer for the audience to "warm up".

While applauding Mr. Ardy's venture in setting an example of improving the quality of the Colony, I think that the programme offered was in many ways more elaborate and twice as expensive as the occasion demanded. I doubt if the unnamed faces printed on various pages of the programme were of any real interest to anyone except the unnamed faces and perhaps their families.

### SMALL AUDIENCE

What happened to the usual large following of this orchestra? There were very few in the audience last night. Was it lack of publicity? Was it due to the fact that the programme was the same as that given at the Peninsula Hotel two weeks ago? Do people miss the dinner, dancing and stage show afterwards for which they stayed on at the Ritz? Was it that the Miramar "Palm Court" is not air-conditioned? Although the air-conditioning was not working at the Peninsula the other night, and last night a plentiful supply of fans helped to keep us cool.

Anyway, let me assure the "regulars" that the atmosphere last night was ideal, the surroundings most pleasant and that they missed one of the best concerts given by this orchestra who certainly deserved a much bigger audience.

### THE ORCHESTRA

The orchestra was deliberately reduced in strength last night to about twenty-three players. There were no brass instruments, the orchestra consisting entirely of strings, woodwind and percussion. I have never heard a better tonal quality from them. If the combination of reduced numbers and Miramar acoustics does this then, Mr. Ardy, do try and keep it this way please. The attack and precision did suffer slightly because of the reduced numbers but the richness more than compensated for this and precision, after all, is only a matter of practice and rehearsal.

The programme consisted of a series of light classical pieces

## 'CHEEKY' THE LOST BOXER BITCH FOUND UNHARMED

"Cheeky," the bridle Boxer bitch, missing from her Kowloon home since last Monday was found yesterday—hungry but otherwise unharmed. So hungry that when she got home she ate four meals without stopping.

And Mrs M. Griffith, "Cheeky's" owner, told a China Mail reporter: "I am so happy."

A newspaper hawk, Chan Heung saw the dog yesterday on the fringe of Yau Yat Tsuen village. Chan had been delivering newspapers in the district for several years.

One of the newspapers he carried told him the highly pedigreed dog was lost and that a HK\$1,000 reward had been offered for its return.

He looked at "Cheeky" and its pug face made him wince. So he called over a sanitary cooler and told him to keep an eye on the dog, then hopped on to his bicycle and pedalled furiously for Mrs Griffith's home in Wistaria Road.

### FIRST INSTALMENT

He called an amah, whooped in Cantonese, "I've found your dog" and took her back to where he left it. The amah put a leash on "Cheeky" and took her home. Mrs Griffith opened her purse and gave Chan, the paper seller, and the sanitary cooler, US\$50 each as a first instalment of their reward.

She apologised and said to them, "That's all the money I've got at the moment, but if you come back tomorrow I'll give you the balance."

The reward, which was \$200 earlier last week, was raised to \$1,000 on Friday.

And "Cheeky"? She's none the worse for her ordeal but

## Storage Still Shrinking

Water storage in the Colony's reservoirs decreased by 52 million gallons over the weekend. The total amount of water in store at 8 o'clock this morning was 2,374 million gallons.

Consumption during the two days amounted to 83 million gallons and the intake from streams and catchment areas was 31 million gallons.

The following are the Water Authority's figures for the weekend:

Sunday, at 8 a.m.: total storage 2,398 million gallons, consumption 42 million gallons, yield 16 million gallons—a loss of 27 million gallons.

Monday, at 8 a.m.: total storage 2,374 million gallons, consumption 41 million gallons, yield 16 million gallons—a loss of 25 million gallons.

In the two-day period, only .01 of an inch of rainfall was registered by the Water Authority at Tytam.

## LORRY PLUNGES DOWN SLOPE: 7 INJURED

Seven people were injured, some seriously, when a lorry on which they were travelling went off the road and plunged 60 feet down a slope in Castle Peak Road near 5½ milestone at 5.30 this morning.

The lorry, belonging to the Vegetable Marketing Organisation, was carrying a large quantity of vegetables collected in the New Territories for auction in the Kowloon markets.

The seven people, mostly farmers, who were looking after the load of vegetables, were taken to Kowloon Hospital.

The driver of the lorry escaped uninjured.

## DEFENDANT APPEARS WITH BANDAGED MOUTH

The conspiracy trial at the Victoria District Court resumed this morning, when Chau Chung-sang, 38-year-old, building contractor, appeared in Court with a large bandage over his mouth.

The case had been adjourned last Friday when Mr Patrick Yu, representing Chau, announced that his client had hurt himself in a bad fall. No evidence was taken that day.

## Prize-Giving At Shak On School

An extra day's holiday to mark the happy occasion of their annual Presentation Day was given to the pupils of the Shak On School at the request of Mrs L. T. Ride, wife of Dr L. T. Ride, Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, this morning.

Mrs Ride made the address and presented prizes and certificates at the Boy Scouts' Association Headquarters, Cox's Road, Kowloon.

The Headmistress, Mrs Au Lau So Yiu, welcomed Doctor and Mrs Ride, and after the prize-giving, the audience was entertained by the students who gave a short play and sang their school song.

The programme opened with a short service of prayers, hymns and bible reading. The President of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr J. D. Beloit, gave a short address.

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### MRS RIDE'S SPEECH

In her address, Mrs Ride said: My presence here this morning gives me very real pleasure, not only because I have had the pleasant task of handing certificates to the successful candidates of the Shak On Primary and Kindergarten Schools, but because it has also given me the opportunity of meeting the school's Headmistress.

During those difficult years of 1942 to 1945, when my husband was Commandant of the British Army Aid Group in China, he knew both your Headmistress and her husband, and I know how greatly he appreciates the valuable services that both of them rendered to the Allied cause. Your children are indeed fortunate to have Mrs Au Lau So Yiu as your Headmistress, and I am sure that under her guidance your lives are being moulded in the right fashion that with her example before you, you will grow up with the ability to face hardships as readily as the pleasant side of life, and thus become worthwhile young people.

### IMPORTANT DAY

But I am sure that each and every one of you is anxious to be done with the formal side of the ceremonies of Presentation Day; this is an important day for all of you, especially for those who will take away with them this morning the certificates which will be treasured through the years as milestones along the path of learning.

I hope that today will be an enjoyable and memorable one for all of you, and that you will share your enjoyment with your parents, teachers and friends, and I am confident that you will grant my request that you should be given an extra day's holiday to mark this happy occasion.

## Trick Proves Fatal

A 15-year-old boy Leslie Norman Moran, who had the habit of throwing peanuts into the air and catching them in his mouth is believed to have been killed by a nut that stuck in his throat.

He collapsed at a theatre after telling a boy companion he could not breathe.—China Mail Special.

## Baby Scorched By Garden Water Hose

A Tampa, Florida, July 15. A nineteen-month-old girl here received burns when water from a garden hose which had been in the sun all day was sprayed on her by a younger brother.

Safety officers at Macmillan Air Force base then issued warnings that hoses, particularly those of plastic types, should be disconnected and drained when not in use.—Router.

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